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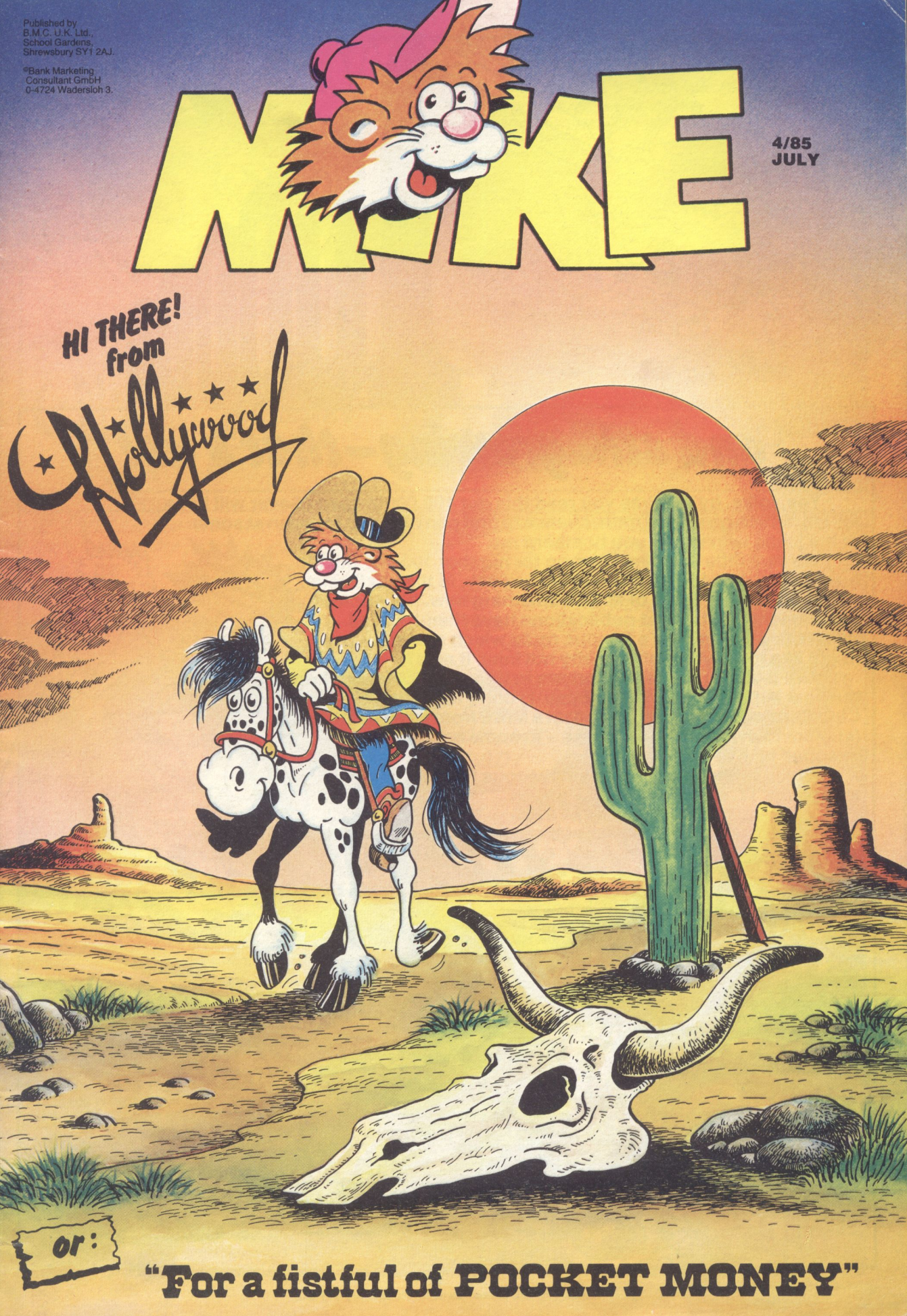
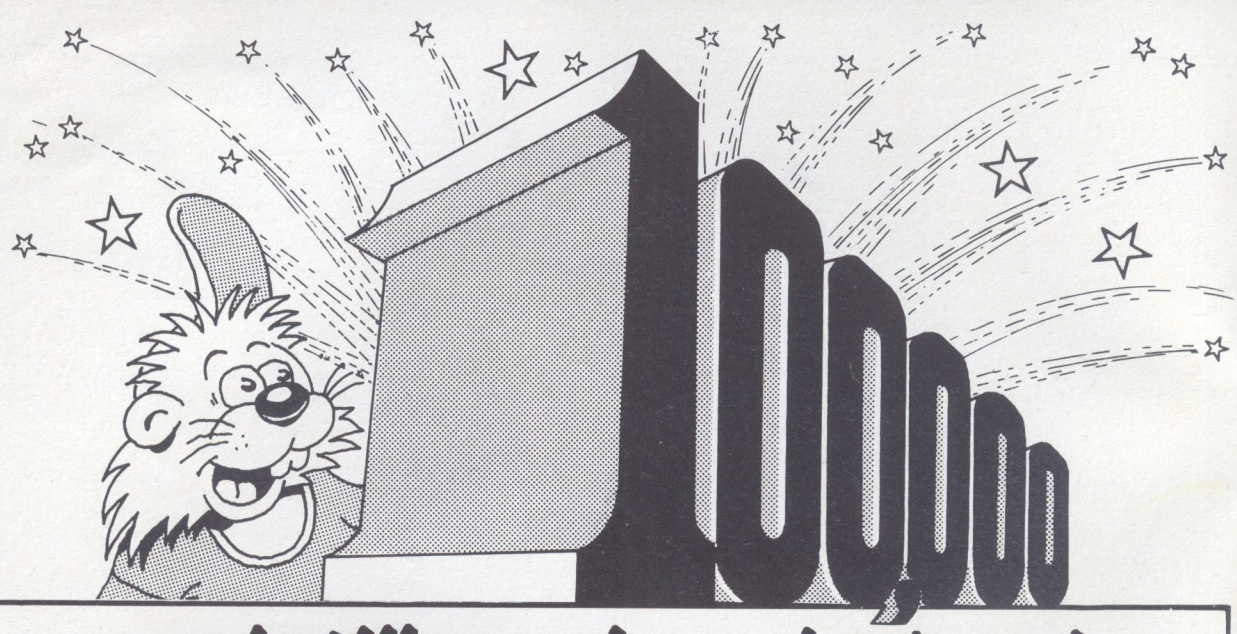




and still growing—that's us!

Yes, folks, by the time you read this our 100,000th Jeans Saver will have joined. Which gives *you* more chance to find pen pals and to groan at some of the jokes with which you bombard me.

We've a little surprise lined up for number 100,000 but it's hush-hush. All will be revealed, as they say, in the next issue.

But with this issue of MIKE something new. It's a colour supplement (all the best publications have them!) called ROUTES. And it traces a famous route which someday you might like to try yourself. So why not keep it safe?

And if you're on hols anywhere in England or Wales when the next MIKE appears (September 1) don't forget your Jeans Club Card will enable you to collect a MIKE from any TSB branch (subject to availability, of course – in some areas they're snapped up like hot cakes).

Which reminds me, what's Ravenous Rodney up to on page 17. Must look.

MIKE

MIKE'S CLUB CORNER

Dear Mike,
I'd like to start a "MIKE MUSICIANS CLUB". Any MIKE readers who play an instrument and can read music can join. If anyone would like to join please send me a s.a.e. and say what grade they've reached.

Sarah Lewis (aged 12)
87 Wastatone Drive, Moreton,
Wirral, Merseyside L46 7SF

Dear Mike,
We think that it would be a good idea to have a "Poet's Corner" in your magazine. We have enclosed our poem, "The Seasons", and would be very grateful if you would print it.

Fiona Stidworthy (13)
Andrea Derbyshire (13)

136 Dunwood Park Cts,
Shaw, Oldham,
Lancashire OL2 8EF

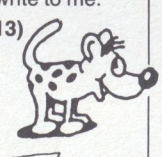
Thanks, Fiona & Andrea.
Take a look at page 16!!

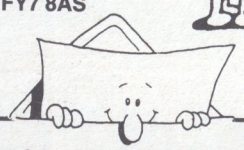
Dear Mike,
Do you have any readers who would like to join our pop fan club? If you know any pop groups or pop stars' fan clubs please write.

Samantha Corbett and Dawn Edge (both 11), 17 Glenpark Rd., Washwood Heath, Birmingham B83 QM

Dear Mike,
I have started a Childrens' Kennel Club and Animal Health Group. This helps you to help animals and you need not pay a thing. If you wish to join or start up a group of your own please write to me.

Jason O'Flaherty (aged 13)
J & J Animal Help,
4 Laurel Ave.,
Fleetwood,
Lancs. FY7 8AS



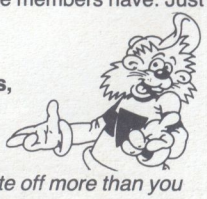


Dear Mike,
I would like to start a MIKE Drawing Club. If you'd like to join send me some of your drawings.

Tracy Sadler
57 Rutland Rd.,
Saltergate,
Chesterfield,
Derbyshire S4D 1ND

Dear Mike,
I am a computer whizz kid and I am willing to answer *any* computer questions that Jeans Scheme members have. Just write.

Steven Berry
13 Orrell Gardens,
Orrell,
Wigan WN5 8NA



Hope you don't byte off more than you can chew! MIKE

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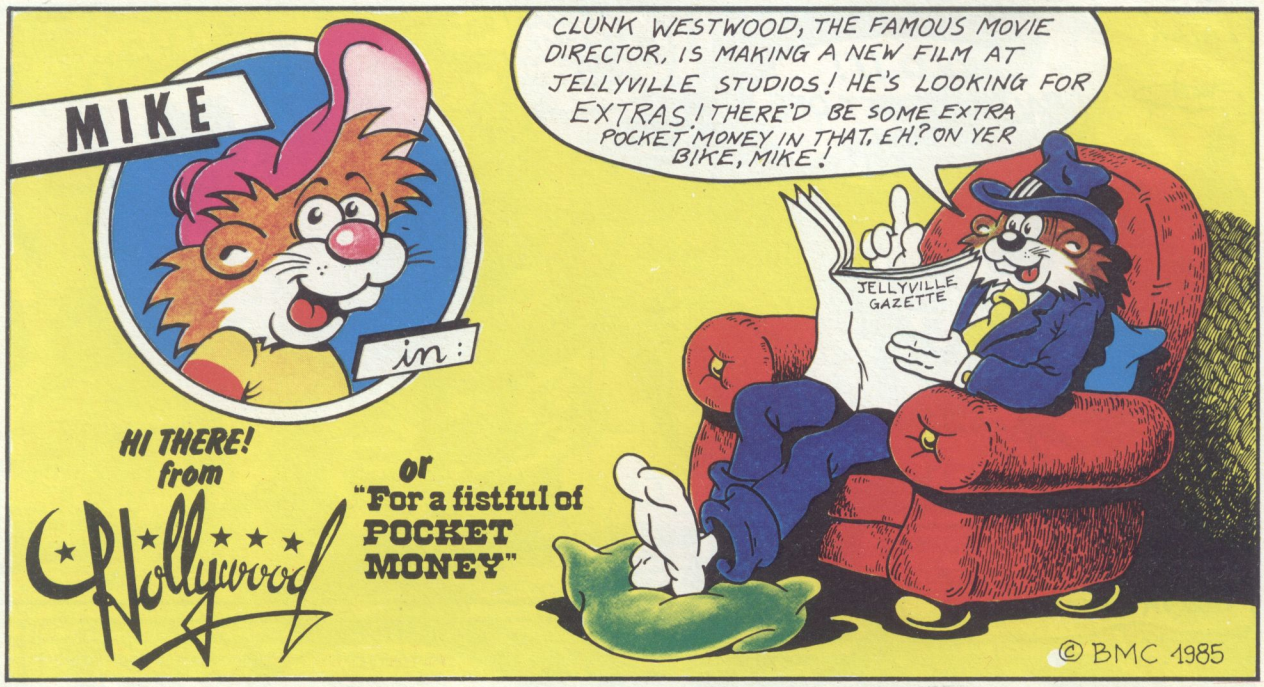
MIKE
in:
HI THERE!
from
Hollywood
or
"For a fistful of
POCKET
MONEY"
CLUNK WESTWOOD, THE FAMOUS MOVIE DIRECTOR, IS MAKING A NEW FILM AT JELLYVILLE STUDIOS! HE'S LOOKING FOR EXTRAS! THERE'D BE SOME EXTRA POCKET MONEY IN THAT, EH? ON YER BIKE, MIKE!
JELLYVILLE GAZETTE
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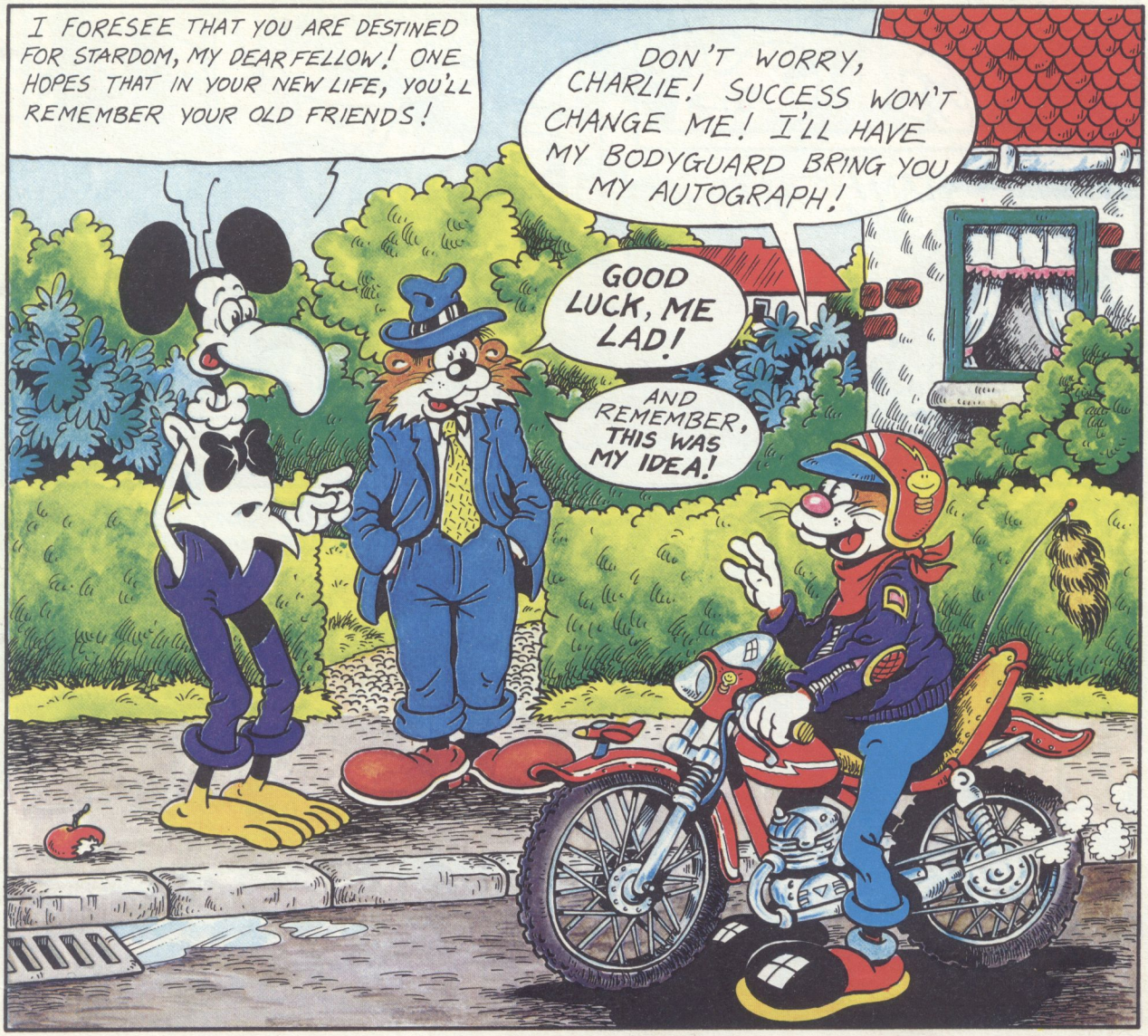
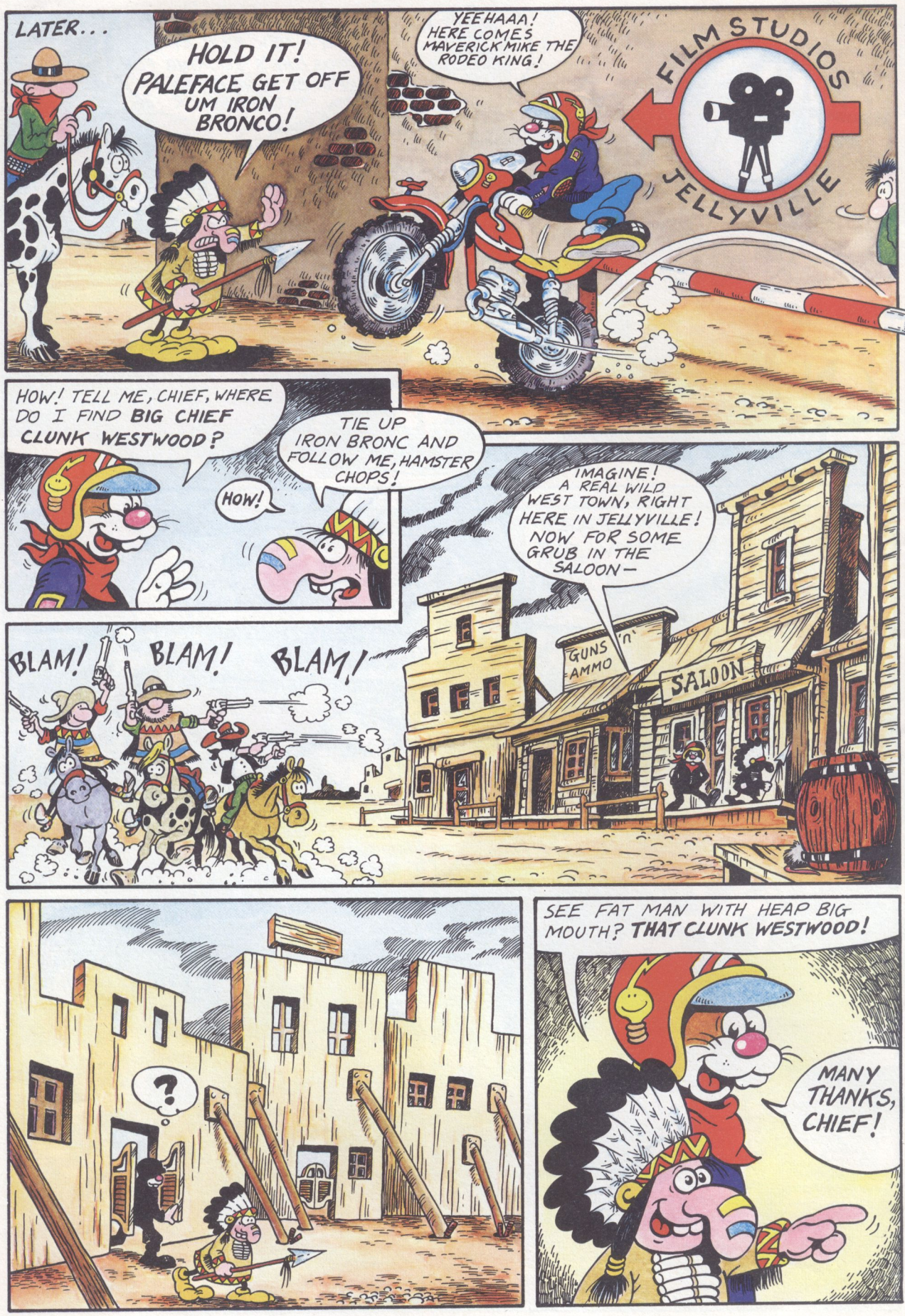
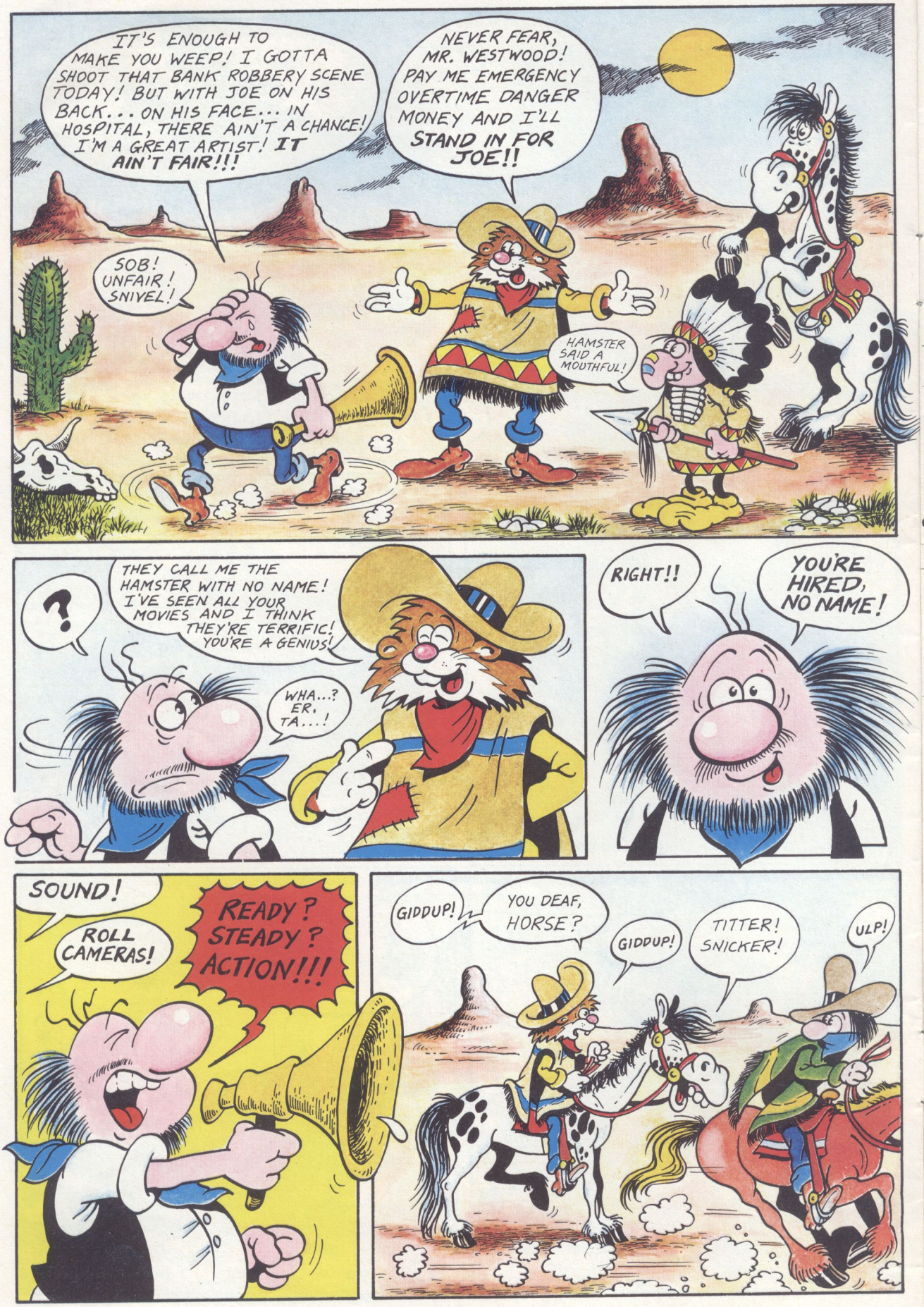
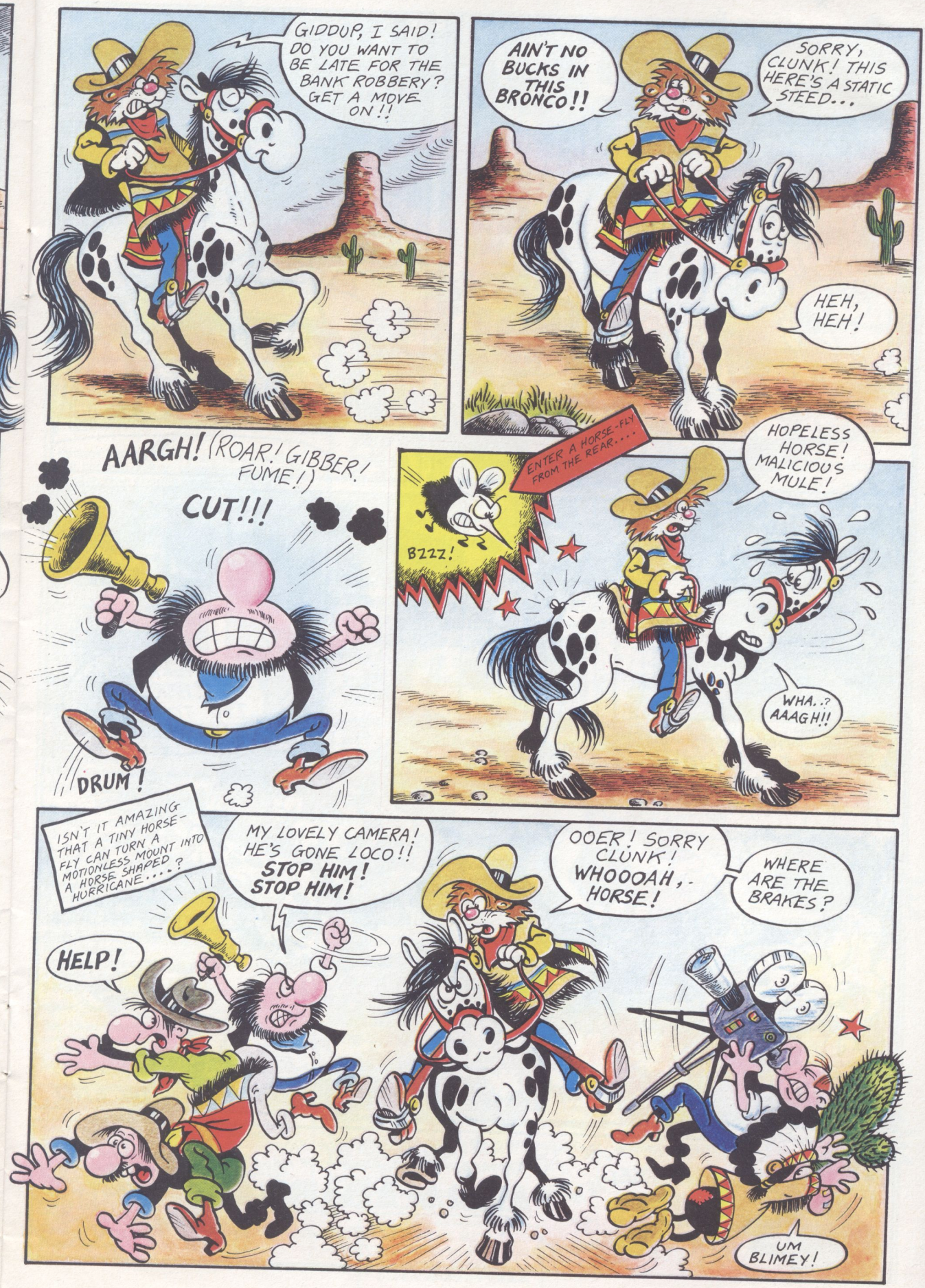
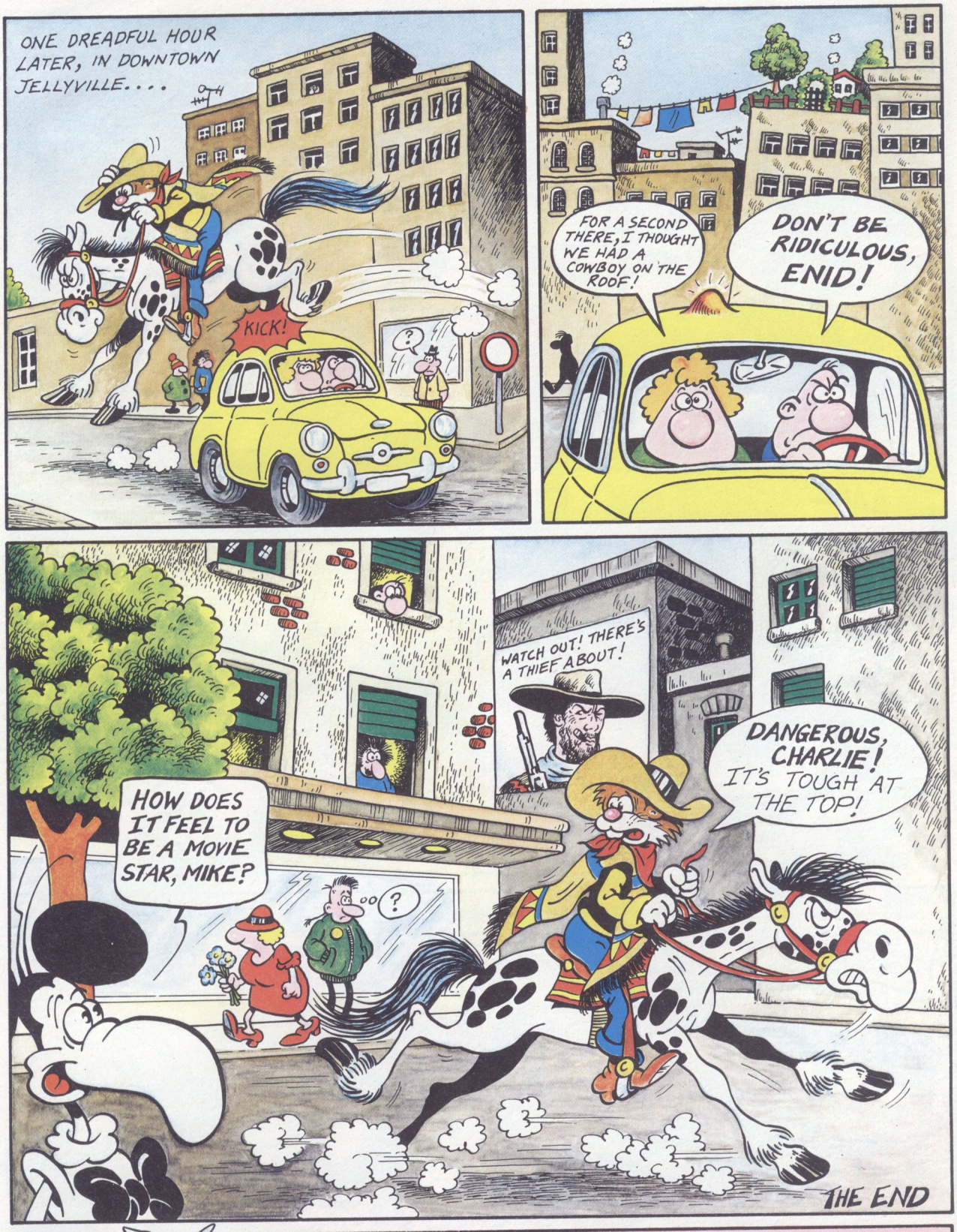

I FORESEE THAT YOU ARE DESTINED FOR STARDOM, MY DEAR FELLOW! ONE HOPES THAT IN YOUR NEW LIFE, YOU'LL REMEMBER YOUR OLD FRIENDS!
DON'T WORRY, CHARLIE! SUCCESS WON'T CHANGE ME! I'LL HAVE MY BODYGUARD BRING YOU MY AUTOGRAPH!
GOOD LUCK, ME LAD!
AND REMEMBER, THIS WAS MY IDEA!


LATER...
HOLD IT! PALEFACE GET OFF UM IRON BRONCO!
YEEHAAA! HERE COMES MAVERICK MIKE THE RODEO KING!
FILM STUDIOS
JELLYVILLE
HOW! TELL ME, CHIEF, WHERE DO I FIND BIG CHIEF CLUNK WESTWOOD?
TIE UP IRON BRONC AND FOLLOW ME, HAMSTER CHOPS!
HOW!
IMAGINE! A REAL WILD WEST TOWN, RIGHT HERE IN JELLYVILLE! NOW FOR SOME GRUB IN THE SALOON—
BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!
GUNS 'N AMMO
SALOON
?
SEE FAT MAN WITH HEAP BIG MOUTH? THAT CLUNK WESTWOOD!
MANY THANKS, CHIEF!

SOUND!
ROLL 'EM!!
YIPPEE!
OOF!
ACTION!!!
AAAARGH!!!
WHIMPER!
WHY ARE YOU WEARING THAT HEDGEHOG MAKE-UP, JOE?
VERY FUNNY, CLUNK! WAIT TILL I CATCH THAT PESKY HORSE! I'LL GIVE IT HEDGEHOGS!
WHICKER! SNICKER!

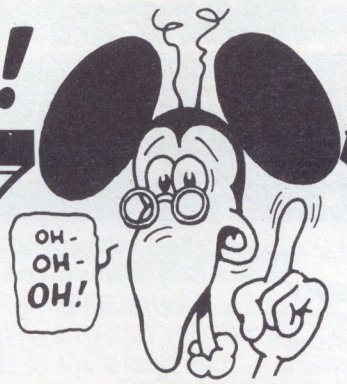

IT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU WEEP! I GOTTA SHOOT THAT BANK ROBBERY SCENE TODAY! BUT WITH JOE ON HIS BACK... ON HIS FACE... IN HOSPITAL, THERE AIN'T A CHANCE! I'M A GREAT ARTIST! IT AIN'T FAIR!!!
NEVER FEAR, MR. WESTWOOD! PAY ME EMERGENCY OVERTIME DANGER MONEY AND I'LL STAND IN FOR JOE!!
SOB! UNFAIR! SNIVEL!
HAMSTER SAID A MOUTHFUL!
?
THEY CALL ME THE HAMSTER WITH NO NAME! I'VE SEEN ALL YOUR MOVIES AND I THINK THEY'RE TERRIFIC! YOU'RE A GENIUS!
WHA...? ER, TA...!
RIGHT!!
YOU'RE HIRED, NO NAME!
SOUND!
ROLL CAMERAS!
READY? STEADY? ACTION!!!
GIDDUP!
YOU DEAF, HORSE?
GIDDUP!
TITTER! SNICKER!
ULP!


GIDDUP, I SAID! DO YOU WANT TO BE LATE FOR THE BANK ROBBERY? GET A MOVE ON!!
AIN'T NO BUCKS IN THIS BRONCO!!
SORRY, CLUNK! THIS HERE'S A STATIC STEED...
HEH, HEH!
AARGH! (ROAR! GIBBER! FUME!)
CUT!!!
DRUM!
ENTER A HORSE-FLY FROM THE REAR....
BZZZ!
HOPELESS HORSE! MALICIOUS MULE!
WHA..? AAAGH!!
ISN'T IT AMAZING THAT A TINY HORSE-FLY CAN TURN A MOTIONLESS MOUNT INTO A HORSE SHAPED HURRICANE.....?
MY LOVELY CAMERA! HE'S GONE LOCO!! STOP HIM! STOP HIM!
OOER! SORRY CLUNK! WHOOOAH,- HORSE!
WHERE ARE THE BRAKES?
HELP!
UM BLIMEY!


ONE DREADFUL HOUR LATER, IN DOWNTOWN JELLYVILLE....
KICK!
FOR A SECOND THERE, I THOUGHT WE HAD A COWBOY ON THE ROOF!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS, ENID!
WATCH OUT! THERE'S A THIEF ABOUT!
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE A MOVIE STAR, MIKE?
DANGEROUS, CHARLIE! IT'S TOUGH AT THE TOP!
THE END

PREVIEW
MIKE TAKES US ON A MYSTERIOUS VOYAGE INTO THE REALMS OF MAGIC
ABRACADABRA
OR: THE CONJURING CONTEST
IN OUR NEXT ISSUE!

HO, HO, HO! HA, HA, HA!



DOCTOR CHARLIE SNARK WRITES

Doctor Doctor, do you think I need glasses?
I should think so – this is a Fish and Chip shop!
Laura Bounden,
Norwich

Q: What's worse than a giraffe with a sore neck?
A: A centipede with corns.

Q: What do you get if you cross a dog with a were-wolf?
A: A nervous postman.
Darren Lawton,
65 Ball Hayes Road, Chell-Heath,
Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs ST6 6PJ

Q: What happens to illegally parked frogs?
A: They get toad away.
Jonathan Hall,
244 Colne Rd., Earby, Colne, Lancs

Patient: Doctor, Doctor, my hair's falling out, can you give me somethingto keep it in?
Doctor: How about a paper bag?
Scott Nixon,
14 Salop Place, Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs

Q: What do you get if you cross a lion with a grape?
A: A grape that nobody picks on.

Q: How can you tell a banana from an aspirin?
A: Bananas come in bunches.
Stewart McKenzie,
22 Whitegate Drive, Clifton,
Swinton, Manchester

Q: Why do elephants have trunks?
A: Because they would look silly with briefcases.
Sean Tierney,
35 Westcombe Rd., Anfield, Liverpool 4

WORST PRIZE

Q: Where was Mike born?
A: Hamsterdam
Q: Which team in football does Mike support?
A: West Hamster United
Q: Which pop group does Mike like?
A: Whamster
Hitesh Mistry,
31 Essingdon Street, Bolton

Boy: Do you see any change in me?
Mum: No, why?
Boy: I swallowed 5p just now!
Tammy Lewis,
9 Norfolk Road, Kidsgrove, Staffs

Boy: Mum, there's someone collecting for a swimming pool!
Mother: Well, give them a bucket of water.
5 Edinburgh Crescent, Bourne, Lincolnshire

A doctor telephoned a patient –
"I've got some bad news and some very bad news for you," he says, "which do you want first?"
"The bad news," replies the patient.
"You've got three weeks to live," says the doctor.
"And now for the very bad news," groans the patient.
"I should have told you 2 weeks ago!"
Jeremy P. Humphries,
Llandaff, Cardiff

Greetings, loyal readers!

Firstly, many thanks for your deliciously diverting jokes! The floor of my office at MIKE headquarters is usually covered by members of my staff rolling about, clutching their sides with laughter. Of course I do not have this trouble, since (as MIKE says) I have got about as much sense of humour as a jar of gherkins. This is just as well, or nobody would get any work done.

Actually I do have a sense of humour, and I can prove it. The other day I heard a most humorous quip:
Q: What do lady sheep wear?
A: Ewe-niforms.
Is that not delightful?
Not really! (Mike)

Well, enough of my fascinating follies. Just remember, we award wondrous and world-beating PRIZES for the WORST joke, the WORST KNOCK-KNOCK joke, and the WORST riddle!

Keep sending them in:
Your Joke Editor,
Dr. Charlie Snark

Teacher: Simon do you know how to spell your name backwards?
Simon: No mis!
Marcus Helme,
44 Clavendon Road, West End, Morecambe

Write to Mike
School Gardens,
Shrewsbury SY1 2AJ.

Will you remember me in one day's time?
Yes
Will you remember me in a week's time?
Yes
Will you remember me in a year's time?
Yes
Will you remember me in ten years?
Yes of course I will
Knock Knock
Who's there?
See, you've forgotten already!
Susan Taylor,
27 Eliot Close, Crewe

Father: How do you get Mike up so early?
Mother: I just open the door and throw the cat on his bed.
Father: How does that wake him up?
Mother: He sleeps with the dog!

Georgie: Teacher would you scold someone for something he didn't do?
Teacher: Of course not?
Georgie: Well that's good, because I didn't do my home work!

Q: What is big and white and found in Florida?
A: A Lost polar bear.
Gary Singleton,
75 Alder Street, Newton le Willows,
Merseyside

A man read an article in his local paper saying:
"MAN REQUIRED TO FEED ZOO ANIMALS"
He caught a bus to the zoo, went to the manager, and the manager gave him the job.
Next day he went to the bee hives to give the bees their dinner.
After half an hour he went back and all of the bees were dead.
In a panic, he fed the bees to the fish. After half an hour, the fish were dead. In even more panic he fed the fish to the chimps. After half an hour the chimps were dead.
In a dither he rushed over to the lion's cage and fed the chimps to the lions and the lion said:
"Oh, no! not fish, chimps and bees again!"
Graham Brealey,
North Hykenham

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Doris
Doris who?
Doris locked, that's why I knocked.
Joanne Legg,
97 Moss Lane, Bramhall, Stockport,
Cheshire SK7 1EG

WORST PRIZE

Patient: I keep thinking I'm a HORSE!
Doctor: How long has this been going on?
Patient: Ever since I was a foal!
John Paul Murphy

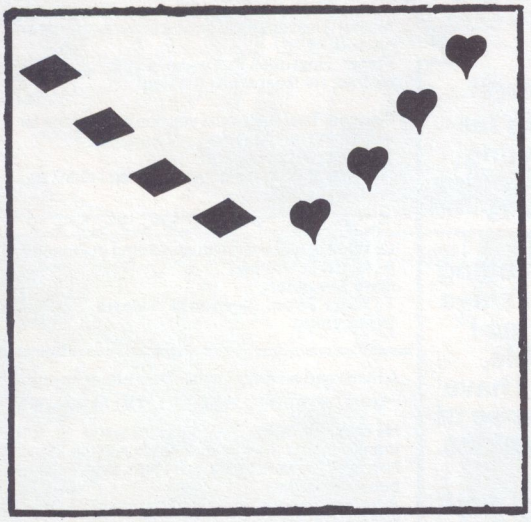
Mother: "Have you given the goldfish fresh water today?"
Andrew: "No, they haven't finished the water I gave them yesterday."
Mark Edwards,
90 Hasbury Road, Bartley Green,
Birmingham B32 4EB

WORST PRIZE

Q: What do you call a reindeer with no eyes?
A: No eye deer.
Marie Appleton (age 12),
11 Fox Street, Thornhill, Sunderland,
Tyne/Wear

More of BLIRRIANT'S little liddles!

THE CASE OF THE FIENDISH GARMENT
A wizard had a piece of cloth with four diamonds and four hearts embroidered on it, of which he wished to make a Fiendish Garment. In order to make the Garment, he wanted to cut the cloth into four pieces of the same size and shape, each bearing one heart and one diamond. How did he do it?



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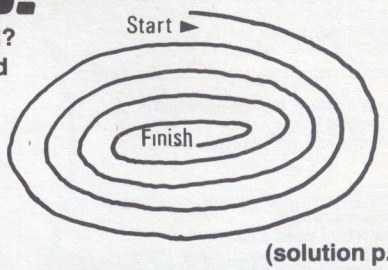
Feel velly stupid? Try my maze and feel GLEAT!



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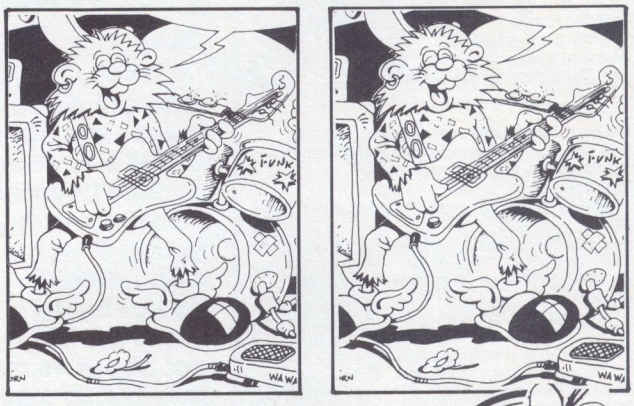
SPOT THE THREE DIFFERENCES



The World of Mr. Blirriant

You want to know why I have holes in my socks? So I can get my feets in!

PRIZEWINNERS

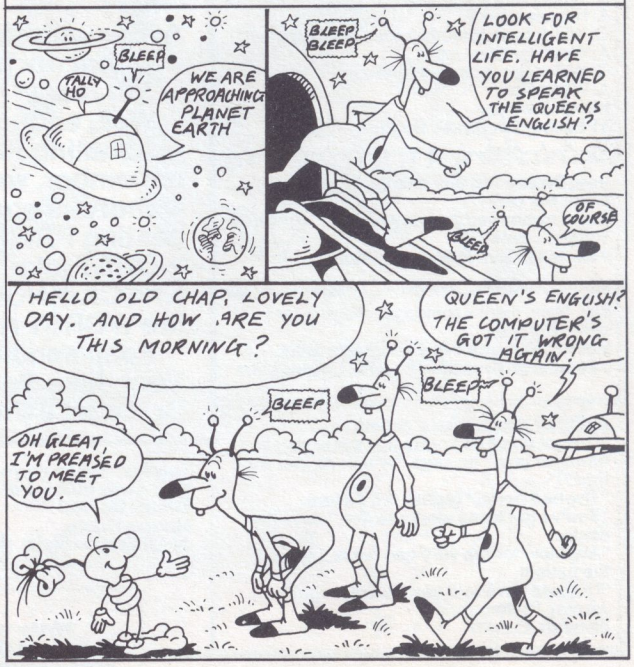
Dear Mike
I have a pet mouse which has an unusual name, his name is Hercules because he is large and strong. I bought him a year ago and now he is so strong that he can tip his food tray over, he tries putting up a fight when I put my hand in his cage and his own weight has buckled his mouse wheel. I am trying to keep him on a strict diet but he seems to be getting stronger.
Yours,
Jason Taylor (Age 11)
2 Copley Hall Street
Copley
Halifax
West Yorkshire

WINNER:
Natalie Guy
62 Broadfields,
Calverton,
Notts.
Age 7

2nd PRIZE:
Helen Wilson
34 Ashfield Gardens,
Workington
Age 8

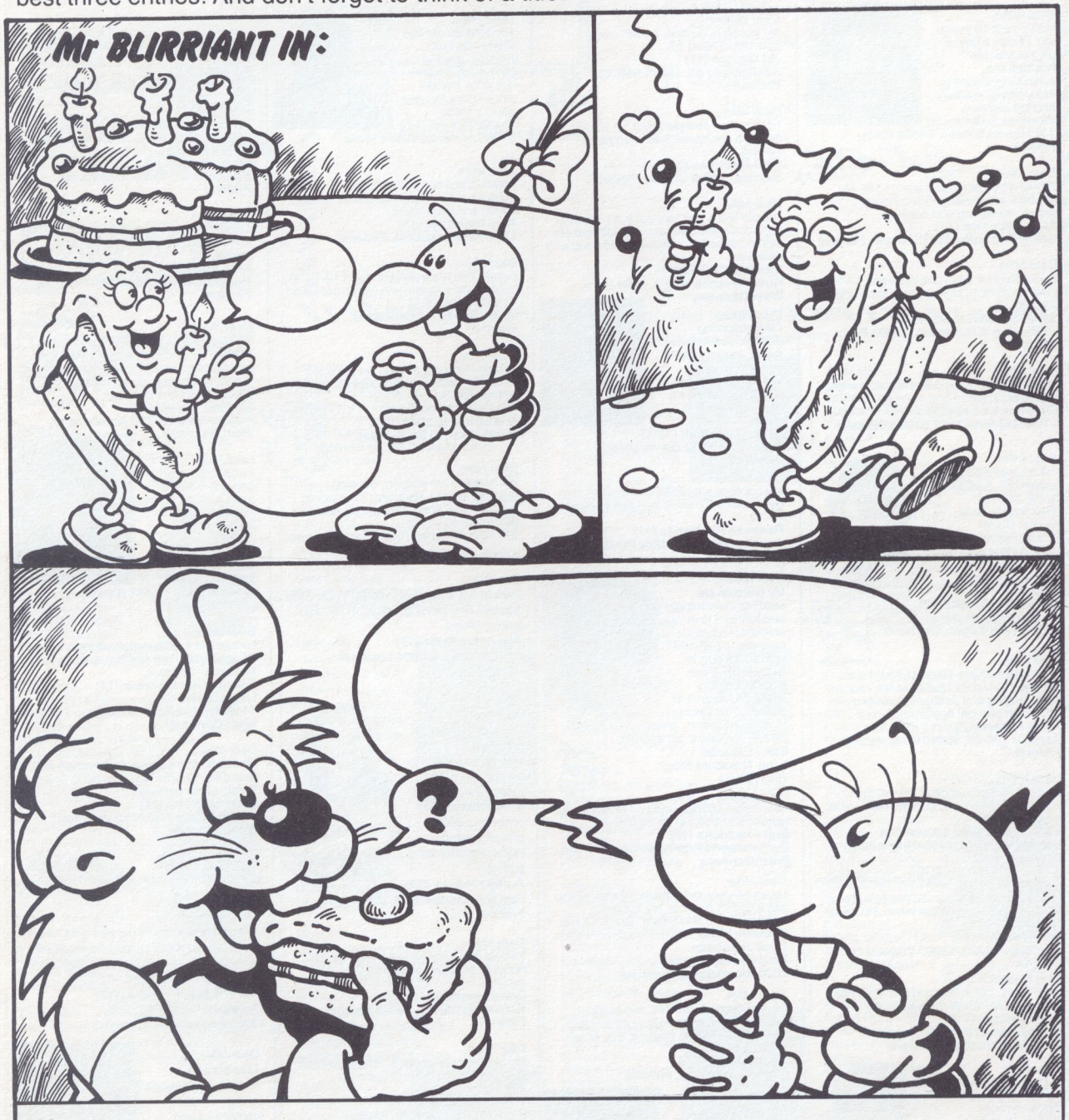
3rd PRIZE:
Tony Anderson
112 Stockwell Grove,
Greatfield Estate,
Hull
Age 7½

BLIRRIANT IN: THE VISITORS FROM OUTER SPACE.


BLEEP
TALLY HO
WE ARE APPROACHING PLANET EARTH
BLEEP BLEEP
LOOK FOR INTELLIGENT LIFE. HAVE YOU LEARNED TO SPEAK THE QUEENS ENGLISH?
BLEEP
OF COURSE
HELLO OLD CHAP, LOVELY DAY. AND HOW ARE YOU THIS MORNING?
QUEEN'S ENGLISH? THE COMPUTER'S GOT IT WRONG AGAIN!
BLEEP
BLEEP
OH GLEAT, I'M PREASED TO MEET YOU.

You could be a CARTOON STRIP writer

Here's your chance to write the words for a REAL comic strip! Fill the bubbles with a story of your own, and send it to MIKE! We'll PRINT the winner – and there are special pens for the best three entries! And don't forget to think of a title!



Name _____

Age _____ Address _____

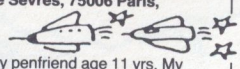
_____

See the November issue of Mike for names of winners. Closing date for entries August 23rd. Good luck!

Mike's BUMPER PEN-PAL spot

FIND A FOREIGN FRIEND–ONLY THROUGH MIKE!

Dear Mike,
Hello, I am 10 years old. I'd like a boy or girl penpal. My hobbies are swimming, dancing, flute, skiing, reading and the cinema.
Florence Sailhan (10)
107 Rue de Sèvres, 75006 Paris, France



Dear Mike,
I'd like a boy penfriend age 11 yrs. My hobbies are: skating, riding horses, skiing, swimming and dancing.
Elina Hanninen (11)
Salmenvirrantie, 49470 Kivela, Finland

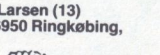
Dear Mike,
I'm looking for a girl pen-pal aged 13-15. I like swimming, skiing, mountains and football.
Sebastien Salles (13)
28 Bis Rue d'Aubenton, 75005 Paris, France

Dear Mike,
I am a 12 year old girl and would like lots of pen-pals.
Christine Le Gall (12)
1 Rue Bel Air, 292h3 Guilers, France

Dear Mike,
I like horse riding, basketball, parties, sport, cats and listening to David Bowie, Duran Duran, Nik Kershaw, Boy George and Kim Wilde. I'd like a boy pen-pal about my age.
Gazelle Buchholtz (12)
Sandbjerggade 9 iv,
2200 Copenhagen, Denmark

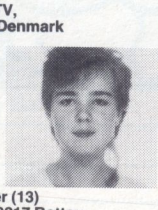
Dear Mike,
Hello! My name is Tanja Myllari. I am a girl aged 12 yrs. My hobbies are, slalom, gym, singing and acting. I would like a boy or girl pen-pal age 11-13.
Tanja Myllari (12)
Korpitie 18C 30, 96910 Rovanie Migi, Finland

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are handball, shooting, music and sports and horses. I would like a girl pen-pal.
Gitte Søndergarel Larsen (13)
Herningvej 104B, 6950 Ringkøbing, Denmark



Dear Mike,
I am a Finnish girl. I would like to write to boys and girls around the world. Hobbies: horses.
Henna Jarvensivu
Mantojarvi a 727, 99980 Utsjoki, Finland

Dear Mike,
I am 11 yrs. old and would like a girl pen-pal. Hobbies: reading, swimming.
Mette Hansen (11)
Kirkegardsvej 34 4TV,
2300 Københavns, Denmark



Dear Mike,
I enjoy skiing, collecting cigarette cards, cycling, listening to music, animals and lots more. I would like a pen-pal of my own age.
Tatjana Schrödinger (13)
Breitenbergweg 2, 8217 Rottau, West Germany

Dear Mike,
My hobby is skating. I'd like a boy pen-friend aged 10.
Ari Glissen (11)
Kaailankatu 40, 13210 HML21, Finland

Dear Mike,
I'd like a girl pen-pal aged 14-16. My hobbies are music, swimming and cycling.
Raili Nieminen (14)
Saarela, 99980 Utsjoki, Finland

Dear Mike,
I would like a boy pen-pal but I can only read and write German. My hobbies are stamp collecting, reading, swimming and animals.
Andreas Kronfuss (11)
Rudolf-Fischerweg 3, 3580 Horn, West Germany

Dear Mike,
I like collecting stamps, listening to music, playing the organ and jazz ballet. I'd like a girl pen-friend about my age. Please send photo.
Linda Ostenfeldt (10½)
E gevej 32, 4632 Bjaverskow, Denmark

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are ballet, music and gymnastics. I'd like a boy pen-pal aged 11-12.
Rasanen Pia-Marika (11)
Aapelinpolku 13, 40270 Palokka, Finland

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are reading, swimming and tennis. I love animals. I have a hamster, a bird and I will have a dog in September. I can write in English because I learn it at school. If you want to write in French, please do. Oh, and please enclose a photograph.
Edith Lagarde
9 rue Theodule Ribot,
75017 Paris

Dear Mike,
I like music and drawing and would like to write to someone in Great Britain.
Rolf Friedrichs (16)
Banterweg 151, 2940 Wilhelmshaven, West Germany

Dear Mike,
I am a 14-year-old Danish girl and I would like a British pen-pal. My hobbies: animals, sport and music (Duran Duran, Depeche Mode, ASO). Please write soon.
Lone Jocobsen
Roskildevej 209 stu,
2620 Albertslund, Denmark

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are reading and outdoor pursuits. I am a nine-year-old boy and would like a British pen-pal, boy or girl.
Visa Sailski
Tursilankuja 4 d 24,
17800 Kuhmanen, Finland

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are sports, travel, music, writing and animals. I can speak a little English and I'm learning it. Please write quickly.
Carole Bersoussam (11½)
Villa Montcalm, 75018 Paris

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are the piano, stamps, reading, playing ping-pong. I have five cats. Please write in English and send a photo.
Graziella Vinh (11)
2 rue Leonidas, 75014 Paris

Dear Mike,
I would like a boy pen-pal aged 10-12. My hobbies are: computers, piano, reading, tennis and ice-hockey.
Anni Dajakkala (11)
13 36200 Kangasala, Finland

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal aged 12-13. My hobbies are reading and stamp collecting.
Jyrki Helkkila (12)
Merventie 48, 13720 Parola, Finland

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl or boy pen-pal aged 11-12. My hobbies are horse riding, writing letters.
Pija Lentines (11)
Köökarinkuja 3D44,
00840 Helsinki 84, Finland

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are singing, dancing, reading, writing, watching TV. I would like a penpal aged between 11 and 13.
Florence Joly (12)
227 Rue d'alesia, 75014 Paris, France

Dear Mike,
I would like a pen-pal in Great Britain. My hobbies are dancing, riding, music and writing letters.
Alexandra Krate (15)
Im Dalifordel 8, 2854 Loxstedt, West Germany

Dear Mike,
I am looking for a girl pen-friend. I would like my pen-friend to be about 12. I like reading, playing the piano, stamp collecting, skiing and swimming. Write soon and send a photo.
Audrey Hamov (12)
Raymond Losserand, 75014 Paris, France

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal aged 14. My hobbies are computers, reading and cycling.
Ilpo Juvander (14)
Koronniityntie 15, 20780 Kaarina, Finland

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are reading, riding, pop and disco music. I'd like a girl pen-pal aged 12.
Kirsimarja Maalari (12)
Hyvela, 28200 Pori 20, Finland

Dear Mike,
I'd like a boy or girl pen-pal aged 13-15. My hobbies are the theatre, painting animals and swimming.
Josetta Ryynänen
13 Vuotvs, Merisotilaankatu 3C92, 00160 Helsinki 16, Finland

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal aged 12. My hobbies are reading, dancing, music and writing.
Sari Åke (12)
Telkäntie 5, 82500 Kitte, Finland

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal aged 9. My hobbies are reading, swimming, sports and music.
Terhi Rauhala (9)
Kaartotie 24, 40800 Vaajakoski, Finland

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-friend aged 12. My hobbies are playing the organ and tennis.
Nina Sundholm (12)
Porslandentie 2CB, 00960 H: K1 96, Finland

Dear Mike,
My favourite animals are Arab Horses and my cat and my mouse! I like music and dancing (rock 'n' roll), riding, jumping, tennis, swimming, sport and painting. Please find me a pen-pal.
Manuela Bertelt (13)
Heggenberg 8, 5760 Arnsberg 17, West Germany

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal. Please send a photo when you write. My interests are rollerskating, listening to music, animals and English.
Marcus Jacobi (12)
Fr.-Ebert-Str. 1, 3587 Barken 5, West Germany

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal between 13 and 15 years old. I like reading, collecting stamps and knitting.
Gabriele Hankermann (14)
Lager Damm 110,
4446 Henstel-Riesenbeck, West Germany

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are music and dancing and would like to write to a pen-pal in Great Britain of my own age.
Heike Schröter (14)
Hennistrasse 8, D-4460 Nordhorn, West Germany

Dear Mike,
We would like boy or girl pen-pals. We would like to swap pictures of popstars with you, especially Adam Ant, Kim Wilde and Toyah. Write soon.
Karin & Ingrid Nielson (15)
Amagerbrogade 133.3.th,
2300 Kobenhavn, Denmark

Dear Mike,
I like playing football, table tennis and gymnastics, computers and drawing comics! I would like to write to someone in Great Britain.
Ralf Czech (13)
Wioesenstrasse 5,
D-7897 Lottsetten, West Germany

PENPAL COUPON

Dear Mike,
I like sports, especially football, also cinema, reading and pets. I would like a girl pen-friend.
Sammy Madar (12)
118 Rue Oberkampf, 75011 Paris

Dear Mike,
I would like to write to a boy or girl in Great Britain aged between 13 and 15. My hobbies are music (Van Halen, Iron Maiden), sport, animals and stamps. Please write to me soon and send a photo.
Manfred Kirisits (14)
Hauptstrasse 86, 7552 Stinatz, Austria

Dear Mike,
I would like to correspond with a British boy who can speak some French and is 13 or 14. I collect many things. I also like football and music.
Jean Marie Susac
11 ave St. Yves, 75014 Paris

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are sport, music and riding. I love pop music especially Duran Duran. I would like a girl pen-pal aged 12-14.
Dilvi Hyvonen (12)
Sairaalantie, 5 a 12 45700, KSNK, Finland

Dear Mike,
Hello! I'm 14 yrs. old. I would like to write to boys and girls of my age. My hobbies are: piano, guitar, music.
Mette Naur (14)
Trudeslund 22, 3460 Birkered, Denmark

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal. My hobbies are: handball, music and animals.
Henriette Nielsen (12)
Johsnnevej 29, 2970 Hørsholm, Denmark

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are music, dancing, travelling abroad, I adore animals please write soon – all letters will be answered. I would like a girl pen-pal.
Sahrah Singer-Jagger (13)
24 Rue Sibueb, 75012 Paris, France

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal. My hobbies are ballet and reading, I play the piano and the violin I also like horses and dogs.
Anna Kaarina Vunikainun (9)
Matinkartanontie 2B10, 02230 Espoo 23, Finland

Dear Mike,
I would like a boy pen-pal in Great Britain. My hobbies are rollerskating, collecting stamps, posters and cuddly toys, pop music – especially Boy George – dancing, cinema and writing letters.
Annalisa Virag (10)
Metzingerstrasse 20, D-7430 Metzingen 3, West Germany

Dear Mike,
I am 12 years old. I am looking for a boy pen-pal. My interests are badminton, collecting stamps and fishing.
Kent Nielsen (12)
Anemonevej 37, 4470 Svebølle, Denmark

Dear Mike,
I would like a boy pen-pal about 11 years old. My hobbies are stamp collecting, football, slalom and drawing.
Mikko Rontn (11)
Paloasemantie 12, 15880 Soramaki, Finland

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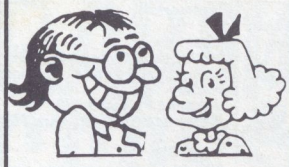

Christian Name

Surname Age

Street

Town **U.K.**

I'd like a Boy Girl Penpal (tick one)

From: ☐ U.K. ☐ Germany
☐ Denmark ☐ Austria
☐ Spain ☐ Italy
☐ Netherlands ☐ Finland
☐ Ireland ☐ France
☐ Belgium
(tick one)

My Hobbies and Interests are:

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Dear Mike,
I would like to write to a girl in Great Britain. My hobbies are reading, writing letters, sport. I have two languages – English and German.
Sonja Sternecker (13)
Bahngasse 42, 7321 Lackendorf, West Germany

Dear Mike,
I can write in English and German and would like a pen-pal in Great Britain. My interests are animals, collecting stamps and coins, reading, riding my bike, skateboarding, rollerskating, ice skating, swimming and skiing.
Susi Lang (14)
Wr. Neustädter Str. 3, 2490 Ebenfurth, West Germany

Dear Mike,
I would like a pen-pal in Great Britain because one of my favourite subjects is English. I also like swimming, reading, cycling, writing letters, animals, collecting stamps and postcards, music and going on holiday.
Tanja Janker (11½)
Kirchstrasse 12, D-8411 Beucherling, West Germany

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal between 11 and 13 years old. I can write a little English. My interests are swimming, rollerskating, skiing, cross country running, letters, music and reading.
Marsena Edenfelder (12)
Oberdorfstrasse 37, A-5302 Henndorf, Austria

Dear Mike,
I like playing the piano, reading, laughing, listening to music, drawing. I would like a boy or girl pen-pal.
Julien Breviere (9½)
D'Alencon No. 5, 75 015 Paris, France

Dear Mike,
I like going to the cinema, reading, cycling, motorsports and aeroplanes. I don't mind if my pen-pal is a boy or a girl.
Thomas Kreil (13)
Wagenham 20, 5230 Mattighofen, West Germany

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are literature, music, swimming, cooking and making clothes for myself. I'd like a boy or girl pen-pal aged 15-16.
Heidi Lindguist (15)
Hogbengsg U7B45, 00130 Helsingforj, Finland

Dear Mike,
I'd like a girl pen-pal aged 12.
Matti Heikkinen (12)
Tolkkilan-Katu, 7B34 45150 Kovuola 15, Finland

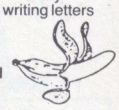
Dear Mike,
I'm looking for a girl pen-pal. My hobbies are sports, music, reading, collecting matches and going to the pictures.
Giles Durambur (13)
156 A Raymond Losserand, 75014 Paris, France

Dear Mike,
I'd like a pen-pal in Ireland. My hobbies are playing the piano, riding, animals, stamps and music. I can write in English. Write to me soon.
Louise Frømiling (12)
Hovedgaden 6, Viskinge, 447 Svebolle, Denmark

Dear Mike,
I enjoy football and support Köln. I also collect 5 pence pieces. My other interests are computers, stamp collecting and music (A Flock of Seagulls). I would like to write to a boy in Great Britain – I can write in English.
Jens Zebrowski (17)
Hans-am-Ende-Str. 23, 2860 Osterholz-Scharmbeck, West Germany

Dear Mike,
I'd like a boy pen-pal aged 10-11. My hobbies are riding and skiing and running.
Susanne Ylikojala (10)
Valilankatu, 16C17 62100 Lapua, Finland

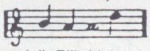
Dear Mike,
I'd like a girl pen-pal aged 14-15. My hobbies are reading, music, writing letters and collecting stickers.
Tiina Immonen (14)
Vaaranmannyn, Tie 6, 46800 Myllykoski, Finland



Dear Mike,
I'd like a girl or boy pen-friend aged 10-11. I play the piano.
Kai Lampinen (10)
Kolsarintie, 1A2 00390, Helsinki, Finland

Dear Mike,
I'd like a girl pen-friend aged 13. My hobbies are listening to music, skating, skiing and reading.
Satu Kervinen (13)
Helsingint 9B9, 24100 Salo 10, Finland

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are listening to music, animals, table tennis, playing the organ, collecting stickers and stamps. My English is not very good. I would like a boy or girl pen-pal.
Edina Winter (12)
Mittelstrasse 27, 3706 Bovenden, West Germany



Dear Mike,
I enjoy pop music especially Billy Idol and Duran Duran. My hobbies are cycling, reading, writing long letters and animals. My pen-pal should be between 14 and 16 years old.
Elke Konrad (14½)
Sangweg 5, D-5901 Wilmsdorf 11, West Germany

Dear Mike,
I am interested in anything to do with England and America, plus playing the guitar, reading, cycling, music, dogs and lots more. I would like a girl pen-pal in Great Britain.
Bettina Meier (14)
Unter dem Dornbusch 10, 3054 Apelern 3, West Germany

Dear Mike,
Hello, I would like a boy or girl pen-pal aged 15-16. My hobbies are gymnastics, volley ball, music and playing the piano.
Taru Johanna Lampinen (15)
Valkealanti, 72700 Keuruu, Finland

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are reading, stamp collecting and playing the piano. I'd like a girl pen-pal aged 11.
Ruka-Mari Siltanen (11)
Sokeritopank 19B, 15610 Lahti, – Finland

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal aged 8-10. My hobbies are: Ballet, collecting stamps, violin, piano, reading, horses and dogs.
Marjaana Jokinen (9)
Pupuhahdantie, 18a 15 40340 jkl, JT 34, Finland

Dear Mike,
Hello, my hobbies are: skiing, swimming, music and the cinema. I am looking for lots of pen-pals.
Micheller Gaelle (14)
29 Rue des Boulets, 75011 Paris, France

Dear Mike,
I am 12 yrs. old and would like a girl pen-pal aged 11-13. My hobbies are music, animals and stamp collecting. Please write in French.
Carine Vasseur (12)
26 Rue des Moines, 75017 Paris, France

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal. My hobbies are dancing, swimming, ping-pong, tennis, English and travelling.
Veronique Orynczak
3 Avenue Foch, 78290 Croissy, France

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are animals especially horses and dogs. I like swimming, reading, playing the recorder, music, Wham, Limahl and Nik Kershaw.

Bettina Rud Nielson (10)
Blahøvvev 2, 4600 KØ 6E, Denmark

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl or boy pen-pal aged 15-18. My hobbies are cricket, Wham, pen-pals, data processing. Write soon and send a photo.
Anette Jørgensen (16)
Videvej 43, 4600 Køge, Denmark

Dear Mike,
I would like a pen-pal aged 10-15. My hobbies are basketball, hand-ball, riding, reading, writing, T.V., sport and pop-music.
Michael Matthias
Hoforweg 1, 3052 Bael Nenndorf 3, W. Germany

Dear Mike,
I would like a pen-pal aged 13½. My hobbies are writing and receiving letters, sport, reading.
Gitte Frydendall (13½)
Hvedemarken 44, 2860 Søborg, Denmark

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal. I can write English. My hobbies are dancing, reading, music, Wham, Nik Kershaw and Duran Duran.
Alice Vestergaard (15)
Skjoldborg alle 2 II, 2860 Søborg, Denmark

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal aged 8-12. My hobbies are ice hockey, reading, playing the piano, tennis and football.
Mikko Pajorlekala (9)
Karjalantier 13, 36200 Kangasala, Finland

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal. My hobbies are animals, sport, music, books, popstars, Nena, Kim Wilde, Tina Turner, Boy George, Duran Duran and Spandau Ballet.

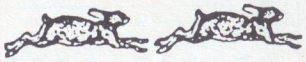
Charlotte Jensen (12)
Poppelvej 3, 4070 Kr. Hyllinge, Denmark

Dear Mike,
I would like a boy pen-pal aged 10-11. My hobbies are music, skating and reading.
Johanna Perasalo (10)
Naremitee 7, 62100 Lajua, Finland

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl penfriend. I am 9 yrs.old. My hobbies are gymnastics, ballet and playing the piano.
Varpu Valo (9)
Amiraalink 4A 3, 00160 Helsinki 16, Finland

Dear Mike,
Hello, my hobbies are music, sports, drawing and jogging. I am a girl and would like a girl penfriend age 10-12.
Kirai Kuorikoski (10)
Kasityotie 11, 63300 Alavus, Finland

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl penfriend aged 11. My hobbies are ice hockey, football.
Sami Huttunen (11)
Ruokolanti, 58200 Kerimati, Finland



Dear Mike,
I would like a girl penfriend aged 17. My hobbies are slalom, swimming, athletics, football and tennis.
Marcus Store (17)
Kannuskvja 2, 17200 Turenki, Finland

Dear Mike,
I like reading and sports, especially football, gymnastics, and basketball. I also collect stamps. I can write in German or English. I would like a boy pen-pal.

Matthias Thorsten (12)
Rehrener Strasse 15, 3053 Hohnhorst 2, West Germany

Dear Mike,
I would like to write to a girl in Great Britain of around my age. My hobbies: swimming, stamps, music and so on.

Karin Göltsch (11)
Herrenbergerstrasse 43, 7033 Herrenberg/Kayh, West Germany

Dear Mike,
My interests are reading, writing letters, swimming, animals and music. I would like to write to a boy or a girl – I will answer every letter.

Kerstin Schnell (13)
Hauptstrasse 12
7035 Waldenbuch, West Germany

Dear Mike,
I would like a boy or girl pen-pal. My hobbies are riding, reading, swimming, riding my bicycle, listening to music and collecting stamps.

Heike Neumann (12)
Hirsauerstrasse 19, 7033 Hbg-Güttstein, West Germany

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal aged 12. My hobbies are slalom, ice hockey and football.
Howard Byde (12)
Nasilinnankatu 16 H, 33210 Tre 21, Finland

Mr. Blirriant's PLIZE CLOSSWORD

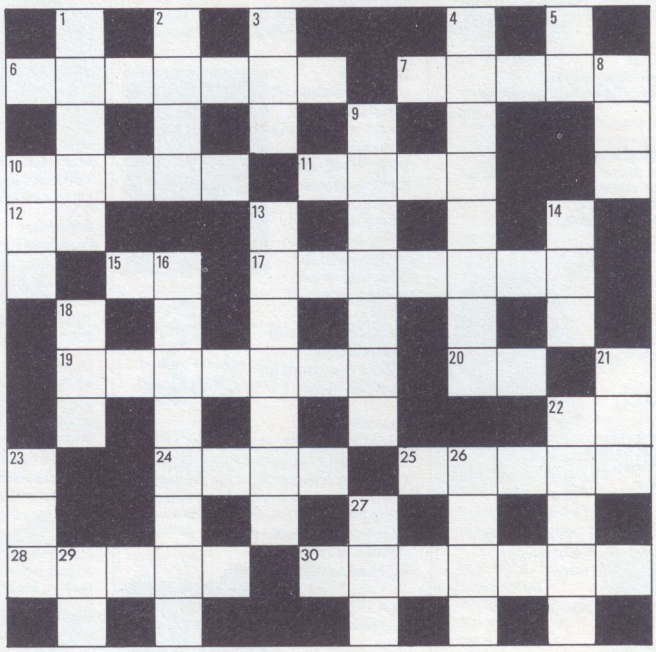
As usual, we're awarding special pens to the FIRST THREE CORRECT SOLUTIONS opened!
(March solution and winners p.16)

Across

6. When you feel peckish in the late afternoon (3,4)
7. Raw bread (5)
10. Books are made on a printing ——— (5)
11. Two matched objects – sounds like a fruit (4)
12. Opposite to isn't (2)
15. Victoria Cross (2)
17. The staple food of Scotland (7)
19. Four-wheeled farm machine (7)
20. Do, re, mi, fa, so, ——, ti, do! (2)
22. Sun God initially at the Royal Academy (2)
24. Pre-Roman inhabitant of Scotland, but not a Scot (4)
25. The way to get rid of a debt – a prey (anag.) (5)
28. Rock star, or what a wasp has in its tail! (5)
30. Opposite to losing (7)

Down

1. They sit in the House of Lords (5)
2. Oh, no, it isn't! Oh, yes, —— —— (2,2)
3. Small, mischievous fairy (3)
4. Ring this instead of using the knocker (8)
5. Very Good Initials (2)
8. Jump on one foot (3)
9. Flashlight getting dim? You need a new ——— (7)
10. Another word for coal mine (3)
13. Where an electric wire touches its terminal – cot cant (anag.) (7)
14. Beer (3)
16. Applauding with the palms (8)
18. Begins Auxiliary Training Squadron (3)
21. 24 hours (3)
22. Opposite of dry weather (5)
23. Is, in the past (3)
26. ———, meeny, miney, mo! (4)
27. Throw your rubbish in this (3)
29. Territorial Army – or thanks! (2)



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See the November issue of Mike for names of winners. Closing date for entries August 23rd. Good luck!

MIKE'S DRAWING CLASS

ANYONE CAN LEARN TO DRAW IF YOU FOLLOW MIKE'S DRAWING CLASS. ALL YOU NEED IS A PAPER AND PENCIL. IT'S SO EASY, AND GREAT FUN TOO!!

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MARCH CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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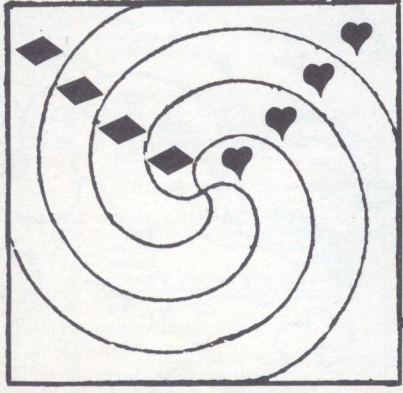
The first three correct solutions opened were from:—
Lisa Smith, 38 Pendlebury Road, Swinton, Manchester.
L. R. T. Holmes, 20 Bernshall Cres., Parson Cross, Sheffield.
Ben Edwards, 1 Marina Road, Mablethorpe, Lincs.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE SOLUTION

FIENDISH GARMENT SOLUTION



MIKE'S HEROES

Fritjhof Nansen

In 1894, Fritjhof Nansen was in his ship the *Fram*, locked in the icy seas to the north of Russia. Fed up with waiting for the ice to melt, he decided to walk to the North Pole. He didn't get there, but he did manage to get nearer than any explorer before him.

When he returned to where he had left his ship, he found to his horror that it had sailed away. He and his one companion spent another winter on the ice-pack. While the blizzards raged around their tents, they lived on walrus meat.

Eventually they were rescued, and returned to Norway, their home. Nansen gave up exploring (he gave the *Fram* to Amundsen, the first man to reach the South Pole). He spent the rest of his life helping the refugees of Europe between two World Wars.

Dear Mike,
I'm as hopeless as you at doing jobs. In November I started in a supermarket – two hours work after school. The boss gave me first a white label-pricing machine. Next day he gave me a yellow label-pricing machine. So I put the white and yellow labels wherever I wanted to, not realising the white labels were for the things we eat and the yellow labels for the things we don't eat. So the following day I got the sack.
Then in January I got another job this time as a paper boy. It wasn't bad – just half-an-hour in the morning and half-an-hour in the evening. But one day I got mixed up with the street numbers and delivered everyone the wrong papers. When the complaints came in I got the sack again.
What do you think?

Mazar Hussain
112 Gowan Road, Saltley,
Birmingham B8 3JL

I think you're a bit mixed up too, Mazar. But 10 out of 10 for trying! MIKE.

Write to Mike
School Gardens,
Shrewsbury SY1 2AJ.

RAVENOUS RODNEY'S RECIPE

There's nothing like a tall cold glass to chase away that over-heated feeling! Why not try

FRUIT SHAKES

Load your blender or whisking bowl with two pawfuls of strawberries or raspberries. Add ice cream and milk. Blend or whisk. Drink through straws.

ICE CREAM SODAS

Try fruit syrups with fizzy water and a scoop of your favourite ice cream in a tall glass. Eat using both straw and spoon.

BROWN COW

Half-fill a glass with your favourite cola, top up with vanilla ice cream.

COOOOOOL!!

POET'S CORNER

SEASONS

I stand and watch the autumn leaves
of crimson, beige and gold
Drift to the ground; I see them dance
Swerved by the callous wind so bold
Uncaring of the stranded leaves
Stiffly lying, crisp and cold.

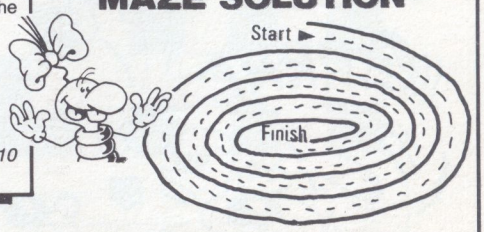
Long cold nights are drawing near
All creatures sleep, they do not fear
The howling winds and driving snow
That never tires and will not go.
From the cold wind we'll now retire
To group around the roaring fire.

Now that winter's come and gone
The children love to play
Underneath the gentle sun
On this soft spring day
The new-born flowers raise their heads
In colours bright and gay.

Lying on the sun-streaked beach
Absorbing the summer's heat
Bronze-tanned bodies strive to be
The brownest one from head to feet.

by Fiona Stidworthy (13)
& Andrea Derbyshire (13)

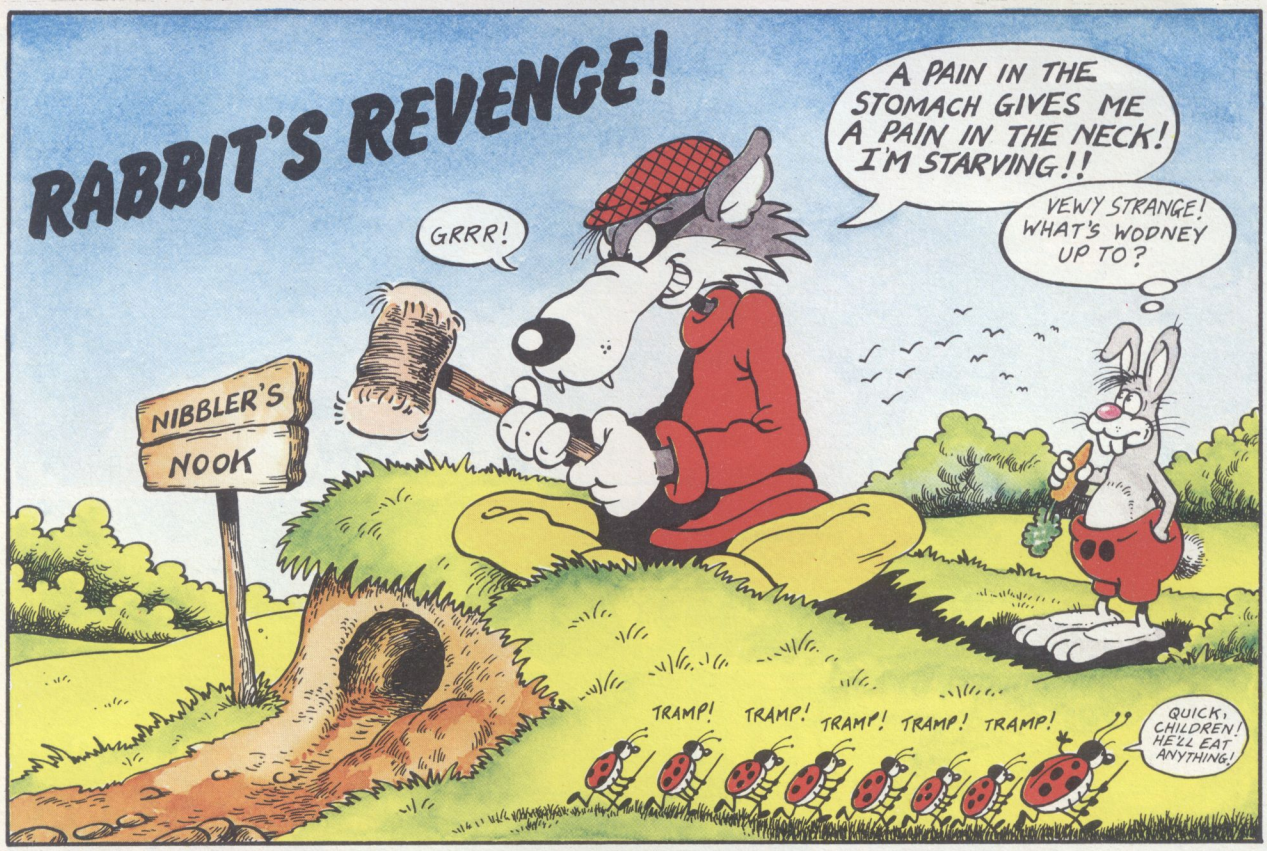
MAZE SOLUTION



(I think there is something a bit *simple* about Blirriant – Dr. Charlie Snark)

RAVENOUS RODNEY

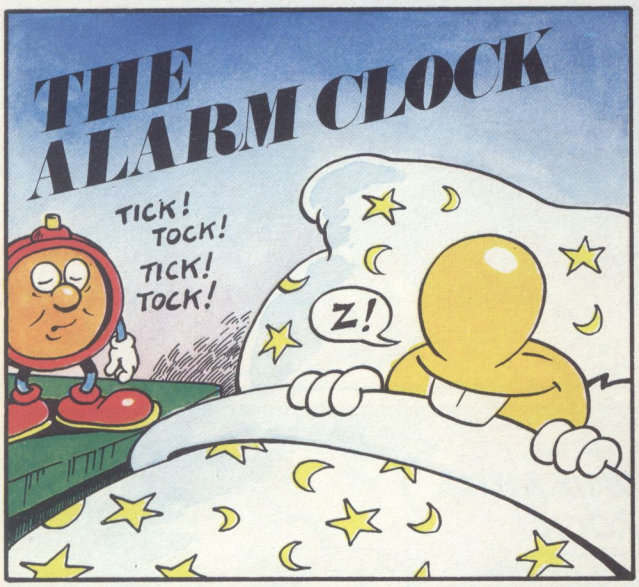
GUEST STAR: BONEHEAD BADGER

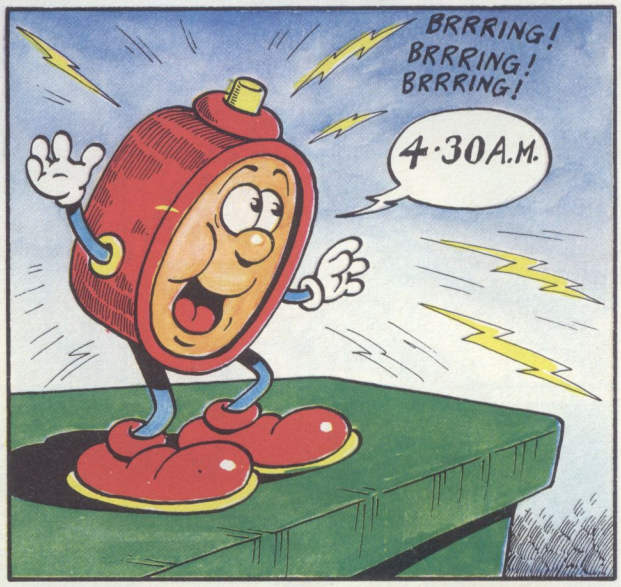

RABBIT'S REVENGE!
A PAIN IN THE STOMACH GIVES ME A PAIN IN THE NECK! I'M STARVING!!
VEWY STRANGE! WHAT'S WODNEY UP TO?
GRRR!
NIBBLER'S NOOK
TRAMP! TRAMP! TRAMP! TRAMP! TRAMP!
QUICK, CHILDREN! HE'LL EAT ANYTHING!

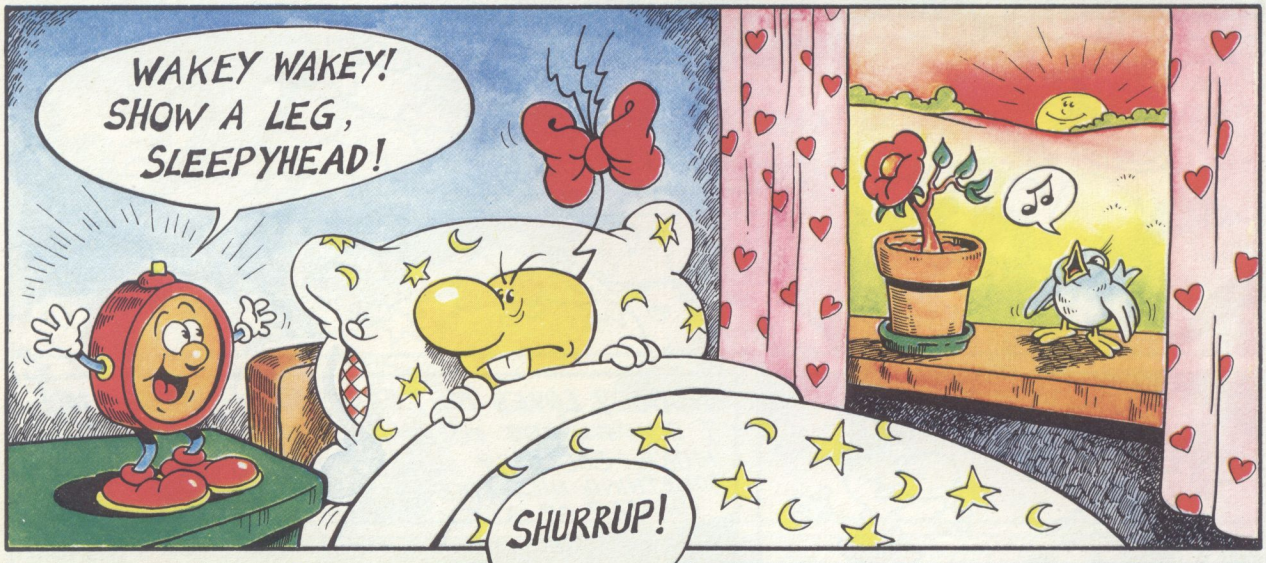
OF COURSE NOT! I'M A FIRST CLASS CHEF!!
FIRE!
WHADDAYAMEAN, FIRE!? WHO AM I...
?
MAY I INTRODUCE MY FAMILY?
ERNIE, BERNIE, VERNIE, FERNIE, BENNY, LENNY, PENNY, JENNY, DENNY, SAM, PAM, WHAM, JAM, WILLIE, JILLIE, HILLIE, TILLIE, STOD, POD, BOD, SCROD, EENY, MEENY MINEY, JOE, MOE, WINKER, STINKER . . .
. . . TALKING TO??
OOER..
STRIKING FAMILY, EH, RAVENOUS RODNEY?
HA-HA!
TWEET! TWITTER! WHEEP!! URRH! WHA? GERROFF, BONEHEAD BADGER!!
HIP! HOP!
OLD RODNEY'S REALLY IN A HOLE NOW! SEE NEXT ISSUE FOR MORE STUNNING ADVENTURES!

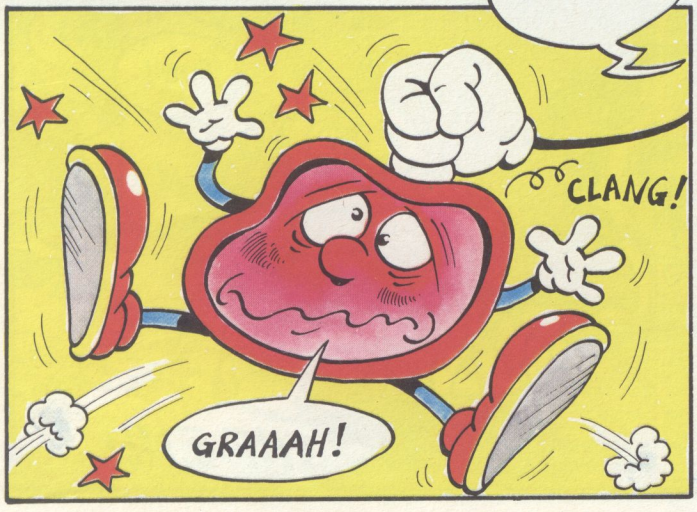
MR BLIRRIANT

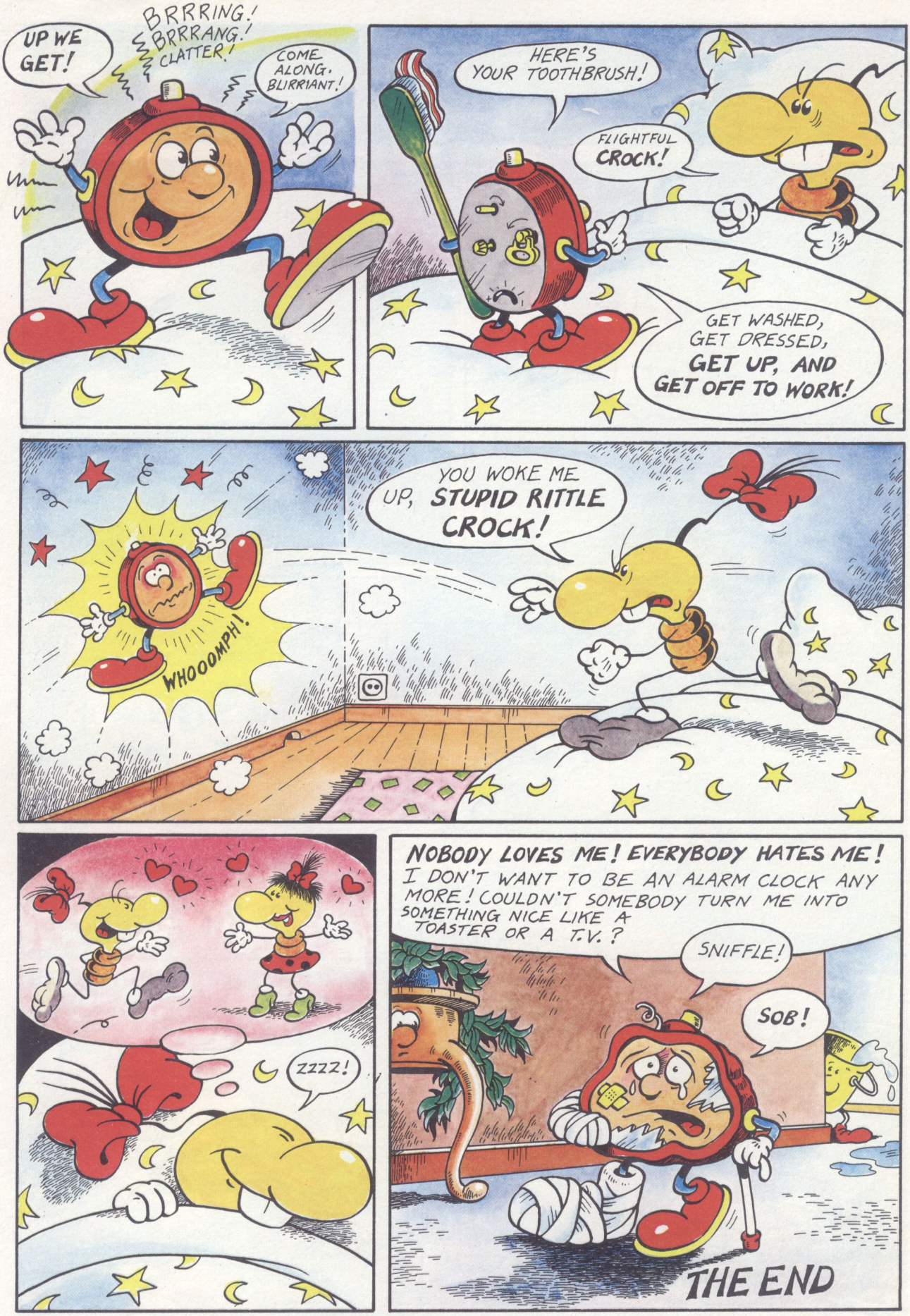
TALES FOR THE LIGHT-HEADED



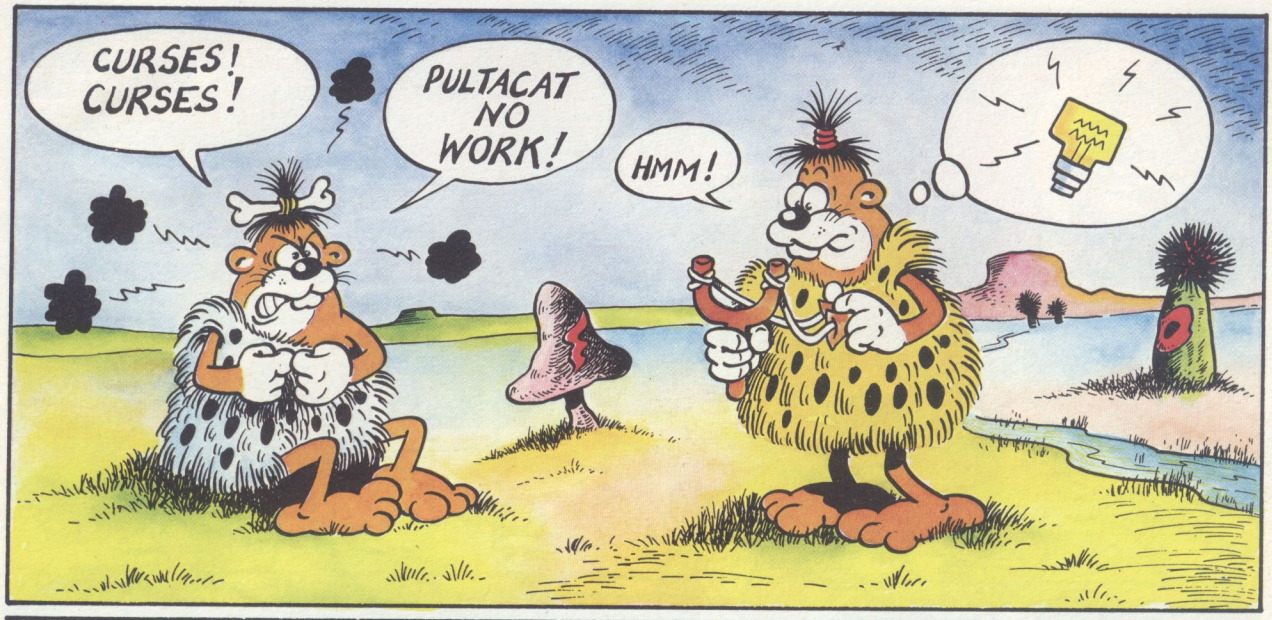


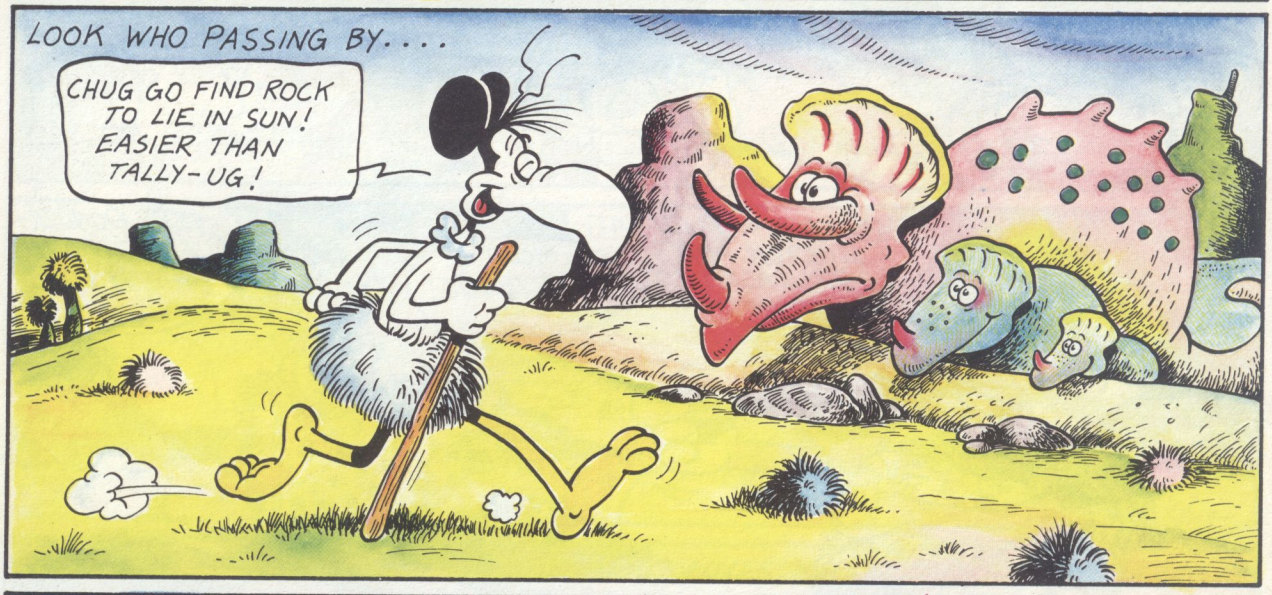


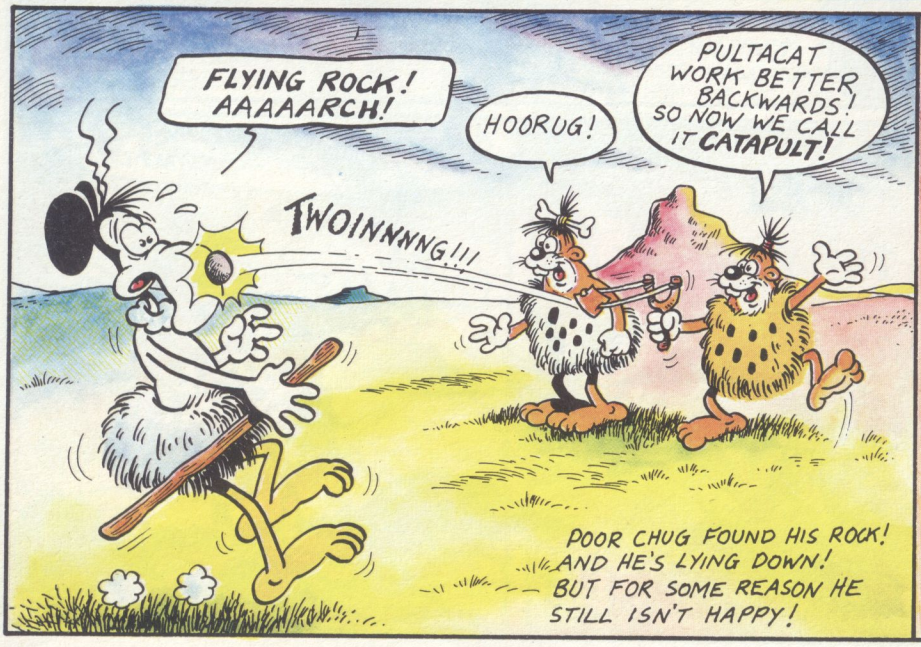



UP WE GET!
BRRRING! BRRRANG! CLATTER!
COME ALONG, BLIRRIANT!
HERE'S YOUR TOOTHBRUSH!
FLIGHTFUL CROCK!
GET WASHED, GET DRESSED, GET UP, AND GET OFF TO WORK!
WHOOOMPH!
YOU WOKE ME UP, STUPID RITTLE CROCK!
ZZZZ!
NOBODY LOVES ME! EVERYBODY HATES ME!
I DON'T WANT TO BE AN ALARM CLOCK ANY MORE! COULDN'T SOMEBODY TURN ME INTO SOMETHING NICE LIKE A TOASTER OR A T.V.?
SNIFFLE!
SOB!
THE END

IN THE BEGINNING...
THE PULTACAT
FAR AWAY AND LONG, LONG AGO THERE WAS A SMALL, HAPPY VALLEY INHABITED BY TWO TRIBES - THE HAMSTOGS AND THE SNARGS...
MUG
CHUG
ME MAKE A FAB DISCOVERY, MUG! THIS IS A PULTACAT!!
PLACE ROCK IN PULTACAT, STRETCH AND RELEASE!
MOST MIRACULOUS!
VERY WONDERFUL INVENTION! WHAT IT FOR?
URG!
TWANGGG!
AH! THIS INVENTION IN CASE YOU TIRED OF STANDING UP!
HA, HA!
HO, HO!






FLYING ROCK! AAAAARCH!
HOORUG!
PULTACAT WORK BETTER BACKWARDS! SO NOW WE CALL IT CATAPULT!
TWOINNNNG!!!
POOR CHUG FOUND HIS ROCK! AND HE'S LYING DOWN! BUT FOR SOME REASON HE STILL ISN'T HAPPY!

DICTIONARY OF PRIMITIVE EXPRESSIONS

PULTACAT : TYPE OF CATAPULT USED BY BACKWARD INVENTORS.

ROCKLET : SMALL BUT FAST TRAVELLING MISSILE.

FAB : OLD-FASHIONED WORD FOR BRILL!

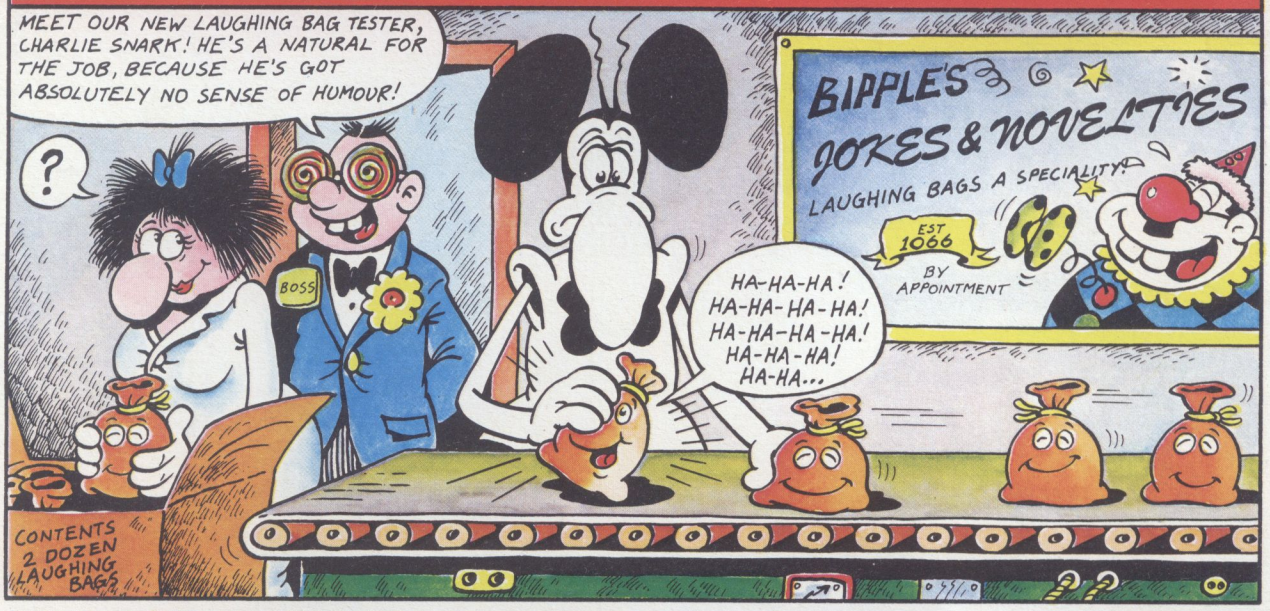
TALLY UG : HUNTING CRY, MEANING "BOP DINOSAURS!"

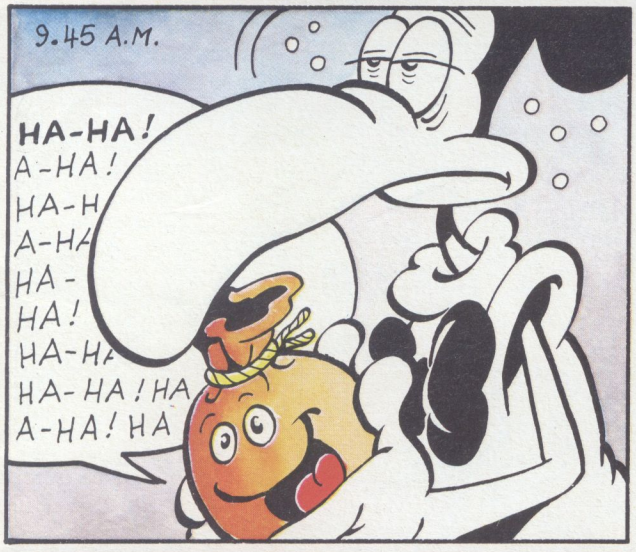
HOORUG : CRY OF JOY, USED WHEN BACKWARD PERSON SEES METHOD OF GOING FORWARD.

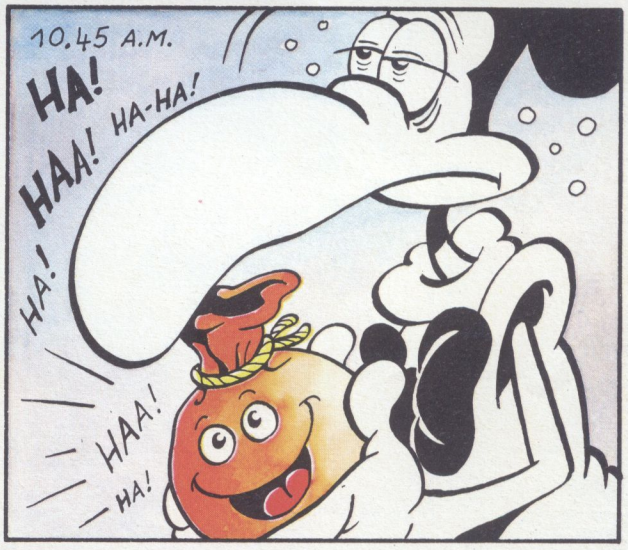
CATAPULT : A GREAT SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY.

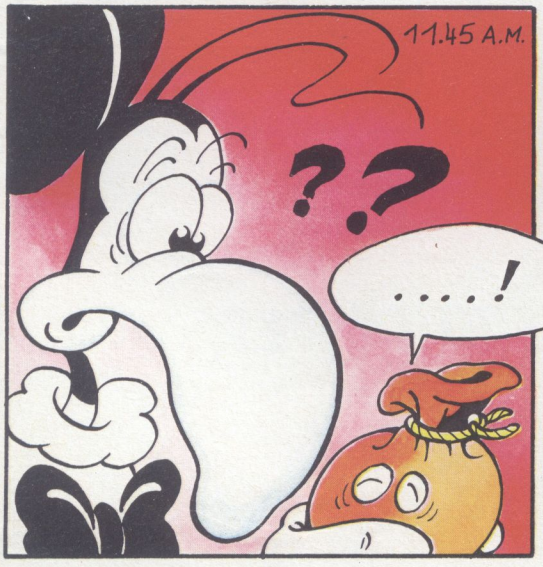
Dr CHARLIE SNARK IN QUALITY CONTROL!

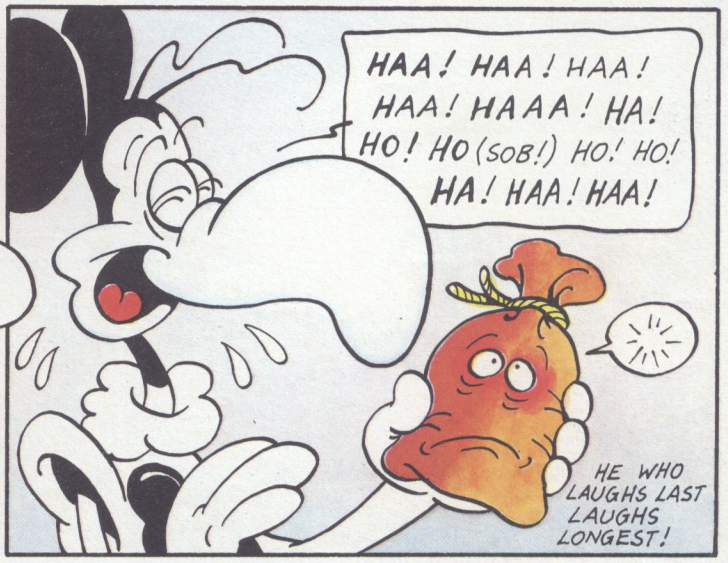
DR. CHARLIE SNARK ONCE WORKED FOR EXTRA POCKET MONEY!


MEET OUR NEW LAUGHING BAG TESTER, CHARLIE SNARK! HE'S A NATURAL FOR THE JOB, BECAUSE HE'S GOT ABSOLUTELY NO SENSE OF HUMOUR!
?
BOSS
BIPPLE'S JOKES & NOVELTIES
LAUGHING BAGS A SPECIALITY!
EST 1066
BY APPOINTMENT
HA-HA-HA! HA-HA-HA-HA! HA-HA-HA-HA! HA-HA-HA! HA-HA...
CONTENTS 2 DOZEN LAUGHING BAGS









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BANK
THE BANK THAT LIKES TO SAY YES